

## G/L Military Discharges Up For Fifth Year

WASHINGTON, DC (NP) — Over 90% more U.S. servicemembers were discharged for homosexuality in 1998 than during pre-“don’t ask, don’t tell” times, and activists are suspicious of the Pentagon’s reasons.

New Pentagon figures on military discharges for homosexuality show a substantial increase for the fifth consecutive year since the so-called “Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell” policy was adopted, to the highest level since 1987. The new numbers show a whopping 92% increase in discharges for homosexuality compared to the last year under the outright ban on military service by Gays and Lesbians.

While the Pentagon claims the new numbers somehow “align” with previous ones, and continues to insist that most of the discharges are based on voluntary statements by new servicemembers seeking a penalty-free discharge, the watchdog group Servicemembers Legal Defense Network (SLDN) is supremely skeptical of those assertions. In fact, SLDN charges that the Pentagon has done nothing to further the recommendations of its own internal review of “Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell” published in April 1998.

Whether there can be a meeting of the minds between the military and SLDN should be revealed soon, as Acting Secretary of the Air Force Whit Peters has agreed to discuss with SLDN his service’s remarkable increase in discharges for homosexuality, and invited SLDN to hold further discussions with officials at Lackland Air Force Base, where 65% of those discharges took place.

In addition, 24 Congressmembers led by Representative Martin Meehan (D-MA) wrote a letter to Secretary of Defense William Cohen, both expressing doubt that servicemembers are coming out voluntarily as claimed, and seeking an explanation for the consistent increase in discharges for homosexuality.

Overall, the military discharged 1,145 people for homosexuality in the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, a 13% increase over 1997’s total of 997.

The Navy has traditionally been the leader in discharges for homosexuality, but this past year its figures actually dropped, from 413 to 345. The Air Force stepped out in front with a total of 414 discharges, up from 309 the previous year and a 20-year record, with 271 of the new discharges occurring at Lackland in San Antonio, Texas, the Air Force center for basic training. Army discharges also shot up, by an even larger percentage, from 197 to 309. The Marine Corps’ 76 discharges were similar to last year’s 78. U.S. military personnel total nearly 1.4-million.

personnel and readiness Rudy de Leon issued a statement that 87% of the discharges for homosexuality resulted from servicemembers’ voluntary statements. Of course, a similar statement had been part of the Department of Defense’s April 1998 review of “Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell,” but the only data offered there in support was a statement that “the reasons for this increase [in discharges] are not known and are difficult to ascertain.” Pentagon spokesperson Kenneth Bacon said that, “Throughout society there are more people declaring their sexual orientation — coming out of the closet, shall we say — and there’s no reason the military should be any different.”

But Air Force Education and Training Command spokesperson Lt. Col. Barbara Claypoll said that a survey last year (apparently questioning instructors and other trainees) found not only that enlistees were making “unsolicited and voluntary” declarations of their sexual orientation to obtain discharges, but that they seemed in many cases to be lying about their sexual orientation. (Claypoll also noted that the Air Force had not counted as discharges those enlistees failing to complete basic training before “Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell” was adopted.)

In the Air Force overall in 1998, 4,131 recruits were discharged before completing basic training, while 31,500 graduated basic training and some 375,000 people served. The Air Force barely met its recruiting goals and has been steadily losing officers, non-commissioned officers and enlisted personnel.

## Maryland Sodomy Law Ruled Unenforceable

BALTIMORE, MD (WP) — Circuit Court Judge Richard T. Rombro in Baltimore handed a major victory Tuesday to Gay and Lesbian civil rights advocates, ruling Maryland’s 80-year-old anti-sodomy statute cannot apply to consensual acts.

“This is saying the government will not intrude in the bedroom,” said Dwight Sullivan, a staff counsel for the American Civil Liberties Union, which filed a class-action suit challenging the law on behalf of several Gay men and Lesbians. The ruling, which applied to same-sex intercourse, was an extension of a ruling Rombro issued against oral sex in October.

Maryland officials, who offered no objection to the ACLU’s argument to protect private, consensual anal sex, said the ruling was largely symbolic. Few Marylanders, if any, have been prosecuted for private sexual activity.

ACLU officials argued that the

## Tucson Mayor & Council Initially Approve Changes To Anti-Discrimination Ordinance; Approve Funding For Wingspan Domestic Violence Program

Compiled from Observer Staff Reports

TUCSON (ON) — During their weekly Study Session meeting, Monday, January 25, the Tucson Mayor and Council initially approved a proposal to update the language and increase the penalties in the city’s anti-discrimination ordinance.

The proposed changes, which were approved by a unanimous vote, were from the Mayor’s Task Force on Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender Issues. Some of which include:

changing the term “sexual or affectional preference” to “sexual orientation”;

increasing the minimum civil fine for violations, from \$50 to \$300;

requiring employers to post notices informing their workers of their anti-discrimination rights and remedies, and;

adding gender identity to the list of protected categories in the ordinance.

Amelia Craig Cramer, co-chair of the Legal Subcommittee of the Task Force, said during the meeting, “that changing the language shows that being Gay is not a lifestyle or preference, but a part of one’s basic identity.” She and Ron Bogart, the other co-chair of the Legal Subcommittee, were the only people who spoke for the proposal. No one spoke against the changes.

The Task Force was formed by

Tucson Mayor George Miller. During an address at the University of Arizona candlelight vigil for the murdered Gay University of Wyoming student, Matthew Shepard, Miller called for the formation of a committee. “The City of Tucson should play a bigger role regarding Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender issues and concerns,” he said to the assembled crowd on the University Mall.

Tucson was one of the first cities in the country to adopt an anti-discrimination ordinance, in February 1977. The anti-discrimination ordinance includes Gays and Lesbians, then using the term, “sexual or affectional preference.” Gay and Lesbian Tucsonans rallied the Mayor and Council to approve an ordinance after a recent, brutal murder of a young, Gay man. Richard Heakin, a 21-year-old college student visiting Tucson, was murdered outside a local Gay bar by four male high school students, who later received probation for the crime.

At the Regular Mayor and Council meeting, Monday, February 1, it is expected that the Task Force’s proposal will have final consideration. It will be on the Council’s consent agenda and approval is expected.

In other action, the Tucson Mayor and Council unanimously approved a request for \$5,000 to go to the Wingspan Domestic Violence Project. Wingspan is Tucson’s Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender Community Center. The Domestic Violence Project helps those who are hurt and abused in same-sex relationships.

## Education Department Publishes Guide On Harassment Protection

WASHINGTON, DC (NP) — The U.S. Education Department has published a guide to help schools learn the “ABC’s” of harassment prevention.

“Protecting Students from Harassment and Hate Crimes: A Guide for Schools” was published by the U.S. Department of Education’s (DOE) Office for Civil Rights (OCR) and the National Association of Attorneys General Bias Crime Task Force Education Subcommittee, a document the National School Boards Association called “the kind of good preventive work the field needs to help ensure that schools provide a safe and welcome environment for all students.” The guide, which includes sexual orientation bias in its review of legal issues and selection of model policies from around the country, will be distributed to schools nationwide.

The publication was welcomed by the National Youth Advocacy Coalition (NYAC), a Washington, DC-based group providing advocacy and education on issues facing Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgender youth. Calling it “a major step in the right direction.”

NYAC Executive Director Rea Carey applauded the consistent inclusion of anti-Gay bias throughout the book and its focus on changing schools’ social climates. She said, “The people who attack others simply because they cannot respect and value the ways in which they are different from themselves, learned their beliefs somewhere. They often learn their beliefs, or get them reinforced, through the climate in our nation’s school system. For years, NYAC and other organizations have been asking the federal government to look at

Undersecretary of Defense for

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# UPDATE

## TLGA Elects New Board

TUCSON — The Tucson Lesbian/Gay Alliance (TLGA) is proud to announce its 1999 Board election results, with the following four individuals having been selected to lead TLGA into the new Millennium:

President - Chad Froeschke; Vice President - Paul Tuzinowski; Treasurer - Janette Bunge. Secretary - Kevin Steele.

Additional Board Members include Tim Redmon, Tom Maza and Janet Haines.

TLGA would like to pursue a mentoring program in 1999, in which interested individuals work alongside TLGA Board members to learn how the organization works, and prepare them to carry on the efforts of the Board into the next century. To learn more about this exciting opportunity, call the OUTline, (520) 622-3200, or attend one (or all) of TLGA's monthly meeting on the second Tuesday of each month, 7:00 P.M., at Wingspan.

## Desert Players Theatre To Present "Light Up The Sky"

TUCSON — Desert Players Theatre will be performing Moss Hart's comedy, "Light Up The Sky" in February at the Tucson Center for the Performing Arts, 408 South Sixth Avenue.

Moss Hart's comedy takes the audience on a bumpy road backstage to look at what happens when a cast of a wide diverse group of characters are pushed to the boiling point. Not to mention these characters are about to open a Broadway show.

This hysterical comedy will be performed February 12-13, 19-20, 8:00 P.M., and matinee performances February 14 & 21, 2:00 P.M. Tickets can be purchased one hour before curtain for the prices of \$8. General admission and \$7 for student/senior/military or group.

For reservations or more information, call (520) 733-0733.

## G/L Film Festival 1999 Call For New Members

TUCSON — The first meeting of the 1999 Wingspan's Lesbian and Gay Film Festival committee will take place Saturday, January 30, noon, at the Wingspan office, 330 East Sixth Avenue.

This meeting will be welcoming new members to the committee as well as outline some new directions and discuss ideas for the upcoming festival, which will take place in late October.

After the great success of the 1998 "Diversity in the Desert" festival, the committee is looking forward to expanding the variety of films, the number and size of the venues and open the festival up to international status.

This year's festival will be co-chaired by Garry Forger and Joe Saracco.

"We have already received several letters of interest from Gay and Lesbian film-makers as far as Italy and Belgium, which shows how our festival has gained prestige and recognition in the Gay and Lesbian Film Festival circuit. That's why we are starting now, to learn about what's out there and give us a better choice of films to screen," Joe Saracco stated.

People with interest in working on the film festival are cordially invited to join the committee and will learn of the areas that need staffing: film submission/selection, venue search, hospitality, grant information/application, public relations/promotion. "It seems as we grow, there are more areas and responsibilities that need to be covered. We need more dedicated people," says Garry Forger.

If interested in working on the Festival committee, you are cordially invited to attend the meeting. For more information, call Joe Saracco, (520) 750-8636 or E-mail: Tucson1999@aol.com. Also, check out the new festival website at: members@aol.com/Tucson1999.

### QUOTE:

If God dislikes Gays so much, how come he picked Michelangelo, a known homosexual, to paint the Sistine Chapel ceiling while assigning Anita Bryant to go on T.V. and push orange juice? —Mike Royko  
FROM UNNATURAL QUOTATIONS by Leigh W. Rutledge

## Another Afghan Execution Fails

KABUL, Afghanistan (NP) — Afghanistan's ruling Taliban again punished a man for attempting a homosexual act by using a tank to push a stone wall over on top of him -- but like two or three others of perhaps eight who have reportedly suffered this penalty, he survived.

Although initially believed dead when he was dug out of the rubble of the 15-foot wall 30 minutes later, he was found to be alive, taken to a hospital, and was soon talking with reporters. By the same Islamic law which prescribes the punishment -- a 20th-century version of stoning -- those who are alive after half-an-hour are free.

The man, described in most sources as age 60, said that he is 84, and not only innocent, but impotent. His alleged victim is 12 years old, although his age is not a factor in the punishment (and many boys that age in Afghanistan are already military veterans).

## Positive Voices: You Can Make A Difference

TUCSON — The Tucson Interfaith HIV/AIDS Network (TIHAN) is looking for people directly affected by HIV and AIDS in their lives -- as a person living with HIV/AIDS, or someone whose family member or friend is living with or has died from HIV/AIDS.

Volunteers are needed to: speak to individuals and small groups within congregations about HIV/AIDS; and, speak with clergy and visit with faith communities not yet involved in providing HIV awareness and support.

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## UFMCC Elder To Officiate At Local Ordination Service



Rev. Elder Darlene Garner

TUCSON — Water of Life Metropolitan Community Church (MCC) is hosting the internationally known Rev. Elder Darlene Garner in a Worship Celebration of the Ordination of the church's Pastor, the Rev. Joyce Cook, Saturday, February 6, 7:00 P.M., Water of Life MCC, 3269 North Mountain Avenue.

attend.

Rev. Cook's ordination historically marks the first ordination of a Pastor for the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgendered community of Tucson. Rev. Cook has been serving as Pastor of the church since February, 1997.

Rev. Garner will also be sharing her dynamic and enthusiastic preaching style as she delivers the morning message at both the 9:15 A.M., and 11:15 A.M. worship services, Sunday, February 7. A potluck dinner in honor of Rev. Garner will follow the 11:15 A.M. worship service.

For more information, call the church office, (520) 292-9151.

Rev. Elder Garner is the first African-American to be elected to the office of Elder in the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches.

The Rev. Bradley Wishon of MCC-Phoenix, as well as local area MCC clergy, will also be participating in the ordination service. The public is invited to

## Gay Amnesiac Returned To U.S.

LAFOLLETTE, TN (MH) — Matthew Honeycutt returned to his family in La Follette, Tennessee after three months in Montreal during which he could remember nothing about his life.

But once he was identified, he was also arrested for entering Canada with a driver's license with his own face but his brother's name, and has now been deported. Honeycutt's family says that he's schizophrenic with a history of delusions and hospitalizations. He's under investigation in the U.S. for possible felony fraud charges after using his brother's social security number to obtain the driver's license and a car.

He was finally identified by family and friends after a segment aired on "Hard Copy." Honeycutt awoke naked by a dumpster in a Montreal parking lot with a pounding headache, no idea how he'd gotten there, and no idea who he was — but he did know he was Gay.

After a month in Montreal General Hospital, undergoing extensive physical and psychological testing and hypnotherapy, a half-dozen psychiatrists and psychologists decided that he had an unusual dissociative amnesia brought on by a trauma. He stayed the next two months with a Gay Line volunteer, continuing therapy, and believing that his name might be James Brighton.

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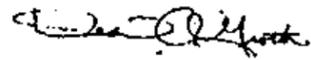
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## G.L.A.A.D. Announces Media Awards Nominations

LOS ANGELES, CA (NP) — GLAAD, the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation, has announced the nominees for its tenth annual Media Awards, which honor "balanced and accurate representations of the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender community and the issues that affect their lives."

The awards will again be presented at three separate events, in New York City on March 28, Los Angeles on April 17, and Washington, DC on May 8. The nominees are:

**Outstanding Film - Wide Release:** "Gods and Monsters," "Object of My Affection," "The Opposite of Sex" and "Wilde"  
**Outstanding Film - Limited Release:** "The Hanging Garden," "High Art," "Steam: The Turkish Bath" and "Velvet Goldmine"

**Outstanding Documentary:** "The Brandon Teena Story" (Theatrical), "Dear Jesse" (Theatrical), "Out of the Past" (PBS), "The Real Ellen Story" (Bravo) and "San Francisco Neighborhoods: The Castro" (PBS)

**Outstanding TV Movie or Mini-Series:** "Blind Faith" (SHOWTIME), "Gia" (HBO), "Armistead Maupin's More Tales of the City" (SHOWTIME) and "My Own Country" (SHOWTIME)

**Outstanding TV Drama Series:** "Chicago Hope" (CBS), "Homicide" (NBC) and "Line's" (SHOWTIME)

**Outstanding TV Comedy Series:** "The Drew Carey Show" (ABC), "Ellen" (ABC), "Spin City" (ABC), "Suddenly Susan" (NBC) and "Will & Grace" (NBC)

**Outstanding TV Individual Episode (in a series without a regular Gay character):** "E.R." - "Stuck on You" (NBC), "That 70's Show" - "Eric's Buddy" (FOX), "Tracey Takes On ... Religion" (HBO) and "Welcome to Paradox" - "Options" (Sci-Fi Channel)

**Outstanding TV Talk:** "The Oprah Winfrey Show" and "The View" (both ABC)

**Outstanding TV Journalism:** "Transgender Revolution" (A&E "Investigative Reports"), "Exodus/P-FOX" (CBS "60 Minutes"), interview with Will Allen (NBC "The Today Show"), "Lesbian and Gay Teachers" (ABC "20/20") and "Night of Terror: Matthew Shepard" (ABC "20/20")

**Outstanding Magazine Article:** "Caring for Gay and Lesbian Teens" by Caitlin Ryan and Donna Futterman in "Contemporary Pediatrics," "Girls Sent to Institutions for Being Gay" by Thomas Mournian in "Marie Claire," "To Be Young and Gay" by David Lipsky in "Rolling Stone," "Trans Across America" by John Cloud in "TIME" and "Uniforms in the Closet" by Jennifer Egan in "The New York Times Magazine"

**Outstanding Newspaper Columnist:** John Bogert for his series of four columns in the "South Bay Daily Breeze," Donald Kaul for "As for What is Immoral" in the "Des Moines Register," Sheryl McCarthy for "Perhaps Time Will Mute Society's Haters" in "Newsday," Frank Rich for "The Road to Laramie" in the "New York Times" and Robert Scherer for "Hate Rhetoric Opened the Door for a Murder" in the "Los Angeles Times"

**Outstanding Newspaper Article:** "Beyond the Fence: Conjuring the Lives of Martyr Matthew Shepard" by Guy Trebay in the "Village Voice," "Gays & God" by various authors in the "Atlanta Journal & Constitution," "Gay Poets, Women and Other Threats to Group Loyalty at the Naval Academy" by Bruce Fleming in the "Chronicle of Higher Education," "Hiding Out" by Thomas Mournian in the "San Francisco Bay Guardian" and "Suffering in Silence" by Kim Hone-McMahan and Paula Schreis in the "Akron Beacon Journal"

**Outstanding Newspaper Overall Coverage:** "Casper [WY] Star Tribune," "Denver [CO] Post" and "New York Times"

**Outstanding Comic Book:** "The Books of Magic" (DC Comics/Vertigo), "Starman" (DC Comics), "Star Trek: Starfleet Academy" (Paramount/Marvel Comics), "Supergirl" (DC Comics) and "Young Heroes in Love" (DC Comics)

**Outstanding Music Album:** The Murmurs "Blender," Phranc's "Milkman," Voyeurs "Two" and the self-titled "Rufus Wainwright"

**Outstanding Music Single:** Queen Pen "Girlfriend" and Henry Rollins "The Gay Thing"

**Outstanding Advertising:** American Express, Dockers, Kenneth Cole, Levi's and Rockport

**Outstanding Interactive Media:** C-NET, The CyberTimes ("New York Times") and Wired News

**Outstanding L.A. Theater Production:** "Burning Blue," "A Gay Christmas Carol," "Heaven and Home," "The Last Session" and "Thorn"

**Outstanding New York Theater Production - Broadway and Off-Broadway:** "Cabaret," "Corpus Christi," "Never the Sinner," "R&J" and "Stop Kiss"

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# POLITICS 1999

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## Legislative Update: It's No Laughing Matter

Does the proposed, anti-Gay and Lesbian student group measure have a second life? How much will the check be in the mail for the state's AIDS Drug Assistance Program? Will a domestic partner benefit ban erase rights won? Would the world be safer if the Arizona Legislature met every other year? Could mandatory HIV testing of individuals hurt in accidents, where a "significant exposure" of blood has taken place, become reality?

Of course the world would be safer, but we digress. Another week has passed for the Arizona Legislature. An update:

Does the proposed, anti-Gay and Lesbian student group measure have a second life? Arizona state Representative Linda Gray, R-Glendale, had introduced legislation that would ban from public schools, Gay and Lesbian support groups. Gray's bill, HB 2051, would call for school districts to ban a student organization that would promote a "specific sexual orientation," "sexual activity of any kind" or "criminal activity."

HB 2051 was to be heard before the state House Government Reform Committee, but the bill was taken off the committee's agenda by Gray herself, according to Capitol sources. Those same sources said Gray pulled the proposal after she had been personally warned that it would be a flagrant violation of the Equal Access Act. The Equal Access Act requires schools to accept all student groups or risk losing federal funding for education in the state, a possible \$410,000,000 in Arizona's case.

A similar example of which is taking place in Utah. The state legislature had passed a measure banning Gay or Lesbian support clubs state public schools, and which the law was ultimately repealed under the federal funding threat. Salt Lake City's school board responded by banning all non curricular clubs in an effort to get around the Equal Access Act, resulting in a pending court challenge to the board's action.

Gray says she's still looking at the matter, not calling the legislation "dead" at this point. But Gray's legislation allegedly suffered another blow last week. Sources said that state Representative Dan Schottel, R-Tucson, Chair of the House Education Committee and a cosponsor of the proposal, withdrew his support of HB 2051. Rep. Schottel's office would neither deny nor confirm this.

So is the proposal dead? Not according to Capitol sources, who stated Gray will resurrect her proposal, but with a different "face." Sources stated the new proposal would:

require all students to get written parental permission before joining a club or group;

require all groups to promote abstinence, and;

prohibit advertising and promotions by any student club or group.

Amelia Craig Cramer of the Arizona Human Rights Fund said the new proposal by Gray would prevent Gay and Lesbian kids from being able to join, since most are not out to their parents. She added that it would negate the ability of all

students to have any club or support group on their campus.

What about the First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution? Cramer commented that it could be a tough, legal battle, since the court has ruled in previous cases that it is legal to have "age appropriate restrictions" on free speech. . . .

How much will the check be in the mail for the state's AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP)?

Governor Jane Hull proposed in her budget that a little more than \$1.7 million from the state's tobacco tax health-care fund be earmarked for ADAP. The Joint Legislative Budget Committee (JLBC) has proposed only \$1 million for ADAP. A spokesperson for JLBC stated the committee believes that the state can reduce its funding of the program due to Arizona getting more funding, more than \$4.0 million, from the federal Ryan White Care Act.

Both budget proposals are before the Arizona Legislature, with the House Appropriations Committee considering the measure this week.

David Hoover, president of the Arizona AIDS Policy Alliance (AZAPA), said everyone should call the governor's office, 1-800-253-0883 and thank Governor Hull for her proposal and to urge her office to fight for the \$1.7 million in Hull's proposed budget. . . .

Will a domestic partner benefit ban erase rights won? Arizona state Representative Karen Johnson, R-Mesa, had introduced a bill, HB 2523, which would forbid any government entity in the state from: "providing health and accident coverage for domestic partners of its employees."

Representative Johnson's legislation was assigned to the House Banking & Insurance Committee. The Vice-Chair of the committee is state Representative Steve May, R-Phoenix, the only openly Gay Republican state legislator in the country, who called HB 2523, a personal affront. May said he will fight the bill "to protect my family and my freedom."

In Arizona, only the governments of the City of Tucson and Pima County offer extended medical benefits to the domestic partners of their employees. As previously reported, Johnson said in an interview that the City of Tucson's policy, offering medical and dental benefits to same-sex domestic partners of their employees, is discriminatory, since according to Johnson, "homosexuals are some of the more wealthy people in the state. They don't have families to take care of and they can afford it."

When asked in an interview about unmarried couples, same-sex or heterosexual, Rep. Johnson said, "it's their free agency to choose if they want to cohabit or not, be it against the law or not. You have the free agency to choose murder or not, but I certainly wouldn't think it's incumbent upon the state to reward that type of behavior."

Capitol sources stated Johnson plans to carry forward on efforts to get her bill, HB 2523, passed in the state House. Rep. Steve May urges people to call the

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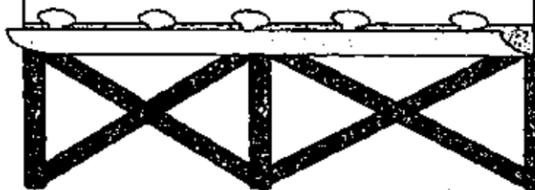


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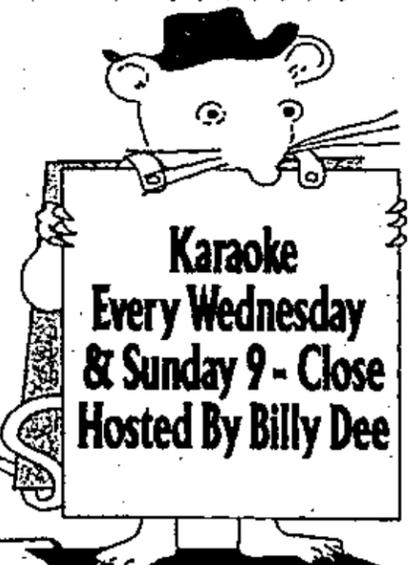


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## New Poll Confirms Hostile Environment For GLBT Teens

NEW YORK, NY (WS) — A new poll gauging the attitudes of high school students toward Gay men and Lesbians reveals that American youth, though on the whole more tolerant than their elders, tend to reflect anti-Gay social attitudes of their parents, peers and society as a whole.

Though most 11th-graders surveyed appear slightly more tolerant than adults of Gay relations, nearly all said a hostile atmosphere does exist for Gay teens. Half the Class of 2000 report students in their high schools are prejudiced against Gay people, and a third say Gay and Lesbian students are abused verbally and physically at school.

The poll found that anti-Gay prejudice is far more pervasive than racial prejudice in the class of 2000. According to the 11th-graders surveyed, Gay students face more prejudice in today's high schools than do African-American students. Nearly half of those polled say "a lot" of students in their school are prejudiced against Gays, compared with only 10 percent who say this about prejudice against blacks.

A third of all high school juniors report Gay and Lesbian teens in their schools are made fun of or are abused by other students. For those who actually

know Gay or Lesbian students in their grade (49 percent), awareness of abuse is much higher. Fifty-three percent of those who know Gay students say these students are subject to abuse at school. And 28 percent of Class of 2000 members admit to making anti-Gay remarks themselves.

A majority of teens polled think sexual relations between members of the same sex is "morally wrong" but a majority also told pollsters it's not a matter of great concern to them personally. Most in the poll (62 percent) believe that a person's

The poll found wide disparities in attitudes on Gay issues between male and female teens. Girls are much more likely, for example, to report knowing someone who is Gay or Lesbian, having a Gay friend and knowing someone who has or has died of AIDS. More than 65 percent of girls think that bias protection for Gay people is necessary. Something less than half of males polled responded such laws were necessary.

Another interesting finding in the poll demonstrates that the attitudes of parents towards Gay people and issued have a pronounced impact on the attitudes of their children. One out of three students report hearing their parents make anti-Gay remarks. Those who have are more than twice as likely as other teens to have done so themselves. About one-third of those polled say they have made anti-Gay remarks, while nearly twice as many students (59 percent) who have heard their parents make anti-Gay remarks have made them too.

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High Game Scratch - Fran K., 223; Ken M., 267; Just Throw It, 641.

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## Child Online Protection Act In Court

PHILADELPHIA, PA (NP) — The "Child Online Protection Act" (COPA), a federal law to impose criminal sanctions on commercial Web sites displaying to those under age 17 material "harmful to minors," is being challenged in a courtroom.

The American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) and some 17 plaintiffs, the world's largest online community of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgendered people — are seeking to have the measure struck down as violating First Amendment free speech rights. The hearing will result in a decision from U.S. District Judge Lowell Reed whether to extend the order he issued in November to block the law's enforcement; that decision is expected by next week.

Gay and Lesbian and AIDS activists among the plaintiffs believe that they might be unfairly prosecuted under COPA.

PlanetOut founder Tom Rielly testified, "Many people find just being Gay to be 'harmful to minors,'" explaining that, "Throughout history, particularly in the last 50 years, many people believe that 'Gay' equals 'sex ... 'Gay' equals 'pedophile.'" But he also explained that in terms of "community standards," "We operate a community of interest, rather than a community of geography, but based on our community standards no information on our site is offensive in any way."

The Gay and Lesbian plaintiffs, who also include "The Front Runner" author Patricia Nell Warren, A Different Light Bookstore, and the "Philadelphia Gay News," also believe that their audiences would be particularly concerned about the loss of privacy involved in the credit card checks used to screen out minors, since many are closeted.

COPA was attached to a major appropriations bill at the end of the last legislative session, and while President Bill Clinton opposes COPA, he signed it into law with the expectation that the courts would strike it down. The similar but broader so-called Communications Decency Act (CDA) was struck down by the U.S. Supreme Court in 1997, and the Department of Justice — now charged with defending COPA — had advised COPA's legislative sponsors before its passage that it suffers from the same legal flaws.

But COPA's supporters, who include the Christian Coalition, believe it is narrow enough in its application to withstand the free speech challenge. Unlike CDA, COPA applies only to Web sites, only if they are operated for profit (whether income comes from users or from advertisers), and only if they fail to screen out

viewers under 17. And while CDA applied a broad "indecent" standard, COPA uses the narrower "harmful to minors" standard, which exempts material with scientific, literary, artistic, or political value. Materials considered "harmful to minors" are written or visual materials graphically describing or depicting sex acts or nudity.

The upshot is that much of the defense of COPA ends up being directed to how it will not be used.

In fact, the National Law Center for Families and Children, which filed a friend-of-the-court brief in support of COPA, is convinced that none of the plaintiffs in the ACLU's lawsuit would be subject to prosecution under COPA.

But the penalties for conviction are heavy: up to six months' in jail and a \$50,000 fine, plus additional civil fines. So as long as there is the possibility of prosecution, the plaintiffs feel they have only two choices: either to self-censor their content (the so-called "chilling effect" argument that figures in many free press cases) to try to avoid giving anyone offense, or to install a credit card system to screen out minors. They believe that either choice would shrink their audiences and so damage their profits.

The first witness to testify for the plaintiffs, Vanderbilt University professor of management Donna Hoffman, said that 3/4 of Web users would not reveal personal information to gain access to a site, and that 2/3 would not do so even in an anonymous registration process.

Internet service provider Earthlink's Dan Farmer testified to the technical problems of credit card checks and to the costs involved for the Web site. He noted that credit cards and the systems involved in their use had never been designed to serve as age verification tools. It usually costs about \$1,000 for a Web site to set up a credit card transaction system, but the site also incurs a transaction cost every time it's used. He suggested that a group of people opposed to a controversial Web site would be able to run up significant costs for a provider with a screening system just by flooding it with visits.

Testimony also suggested that the credit card screening in itself would tend to stigmatize a Web site, because of its association with sites of explicitly erotic "adults only" content.

Much of the first day in court was taken up in debating a motion to close some of the hearings in order to protect plaintiffs' trade secrets; Reed is expected to rule on that motion, preparatory to the government's questioning of witnesses.

It was somewhat ironic that the ACLU, usually the champion of public disclosure, was arguing for closure, while the government opposed the motion. It became even more ironic when some of the news services among the plaintiffs represented by the ACLU went on to arrange separate legal counsel to intervene against the ACLU's motion for closure, in hopes of providing full coverage of the court proceedings. "Having chosen to bring this lawsuit, plaintiffs now wish to deny the press and public access to judicial records and proceedings," said the submission on behalf of services including Wired News, MSNBC, and "The New York Times," each of which is also a member of the plaintiff Internet Content Coalition. It noted that, "the party seeking closure must show an overriding interest based on findings that closure is narrowly tailored to serve that interest."

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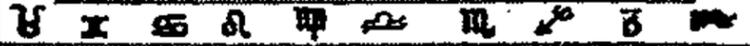
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Our personal planets all change signs this week - sexy Venus enters romantic Pisces, Mars marches into passionate Scorpio and Mercury glides into optimistic Aqueerius. Off we go, armed with only a hopeful smile to seek our stimuli. Happy hunting cousins. Take it to the Outer limits.

consolidate their receipts for tax season. However, the average Libra would sooner listen to the siren lure of dreamy Mercury as it conjures up all sorts of delicious time wasters. Dream on, cousin; life is too taxing as it is.

**ARIES**

MARCH 21 - APRIL 20

Randy Gay Rams are hot to trot when feisty Mars plows through intense Scorpio. Hopefully there is a special someone with whom you can carouse. If not, Mercury in Aqueerius advises you to check out the usual crowd to see if there are jewels among the rocks. Sift through the pile carefully, Rambo; desirous Venus in delusional Pisces will knock your rocks off.

**SCORPIO**  
OCTOBER 24 - NOVEMBER 22  
Charming Venus and zesty Mars give you every opportunity to make an excellent impression on new acquaintances. Strategic Gay Scorps can use this superb energy to put new ideas and projects into the field. Plant 'em and see what grows. Meanwhile Mercury in Aqueerius may tempt you into doing a few home improvements or moving. You're out of the closet, why rent one?

**TAURUS**

APRIL 21 - MAY 21

How does married life feel, queer Bull? With energetic Mars in strategic Scorpio, hopeful Venus in Pisces and curious Mercury in Aquarius, you feel ready to plan for the longer term. Solidify relationships - both business and personal - and set goals by surveying the lay of the land in your professional and personal landscapes. Alone? Hire a nubile gardener to help you Out.

**SAGITTARIUS**  
NOVEMBER 23 - DECEMBER 22  
Queer Archers feel the need to perform community Outreach when energetic Mars enters passionate Scorpio. Good timing; talkative Mercury in Aqueerius and charming Venus in Pisces guarantee that actions and words are heard loud and queer and have impact. It's a karmic year with bulldozer Pluto in your own sign upending your personal landscape. I smell revolution, comrade.

**GEMINI**

MAY 22 - JUNE 21

Your career catapults into international terrain when a plethora of personal planets all change signs this week. Queer Twins may burn the midnight oil in their cubicles initially, buried under job minutia, but that's just preparation for future global expansion. Maybe you are considering a venture onto the Internet? Why not? I always knew that you loved cruising.

**CAPRICORN**  
DECEMBER 23 - JANUARY 20  
Gay compadres get into the act when fiery Mars surges through intense Scorpio. Thank goodness kind Venus enters lovely Pisces and spurs convivial conversation and creative ideas. Proud Goats should surround themselves with affirming company for the duration of this transit. Mercury in Aqueerius tempts you to worry about money, but what price friendship?

**CANCER**

JUNE 22 - JULY 23

Fun, sex and travel are all in the stars for those lucky Gay Cancers who feel steamy. Get Out of your shell, Crab, when lusty Mars enters rapacious Scorpio and sexy Venus segues mystical Pisces. Thoughtful Mercury in Aqueerius has you envisioning some very delightfully nasty pastimes. Put thoughts into action or at least on paper before your pen runs out of ink.

**AQUARIUS**  
JANUARY 21 - FEBRUARY 19  
Mercury enters your own sign and tempts Aqueerians to change their "look." (Why bother; orange and tan qiana is you, babe.) But save those leather chaps for Saturday and dust off those pinstripes for Monday; Manic Mars enters political Scorpio and the urge for a corporate takeover may be too great to defer. They say it's lonely at the top, but Venus tells me it pays rather well.

**LEO**

JULY 24 - AUGUST 23

Proud Lions face the inevitable crossroad between family and partners. Venus the planet of love is heating up romantic Pisces and Mercury in Aqueerius has you thinking about relationships. Serendipity! Now, with no holds barred Mars in uncompromising Scorpio, you'll take a firm stand with homophobic relatives. A new broom sweeps clean, kiddo; don't sweep it under the rug!

**PISCES**  
FEBRUARY 20 - MARCH 20  
Global Gay enterprises with humanitarian impact hold your attention when Mars enters Scorpio and Mercury traverses Aqueerius. Pink Fish can harness the power of all these personal planets and overcome any obstacles to affirmation. You may also wish to try your hand at the mystical arts like tarot, yoga or meditation. Avoid astrology; I don't need the competition.

**VIRGO**

AUGUST 24 - SEPTEMBER 23

Mouthy and prideful Virgins are ready to grab the microphone when verbal Mars enters acidic Scorpio. Speak loud and queer, cousin; your opinions count. Both Mercury and Venus conspire to get you in shape for a festive February. Mercury in Aqueerius revises your diet and exercise regime while Venus in Pisces stirs up your embers in partnerships. Suggestion: Don't do push ups alone.

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SEPTEMBER 24 - OCTOBER 23

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## Home On The Range with AGRA / TUCSON

by Scott Weidmoyer

The annual road runner regional rodeo was held in Phoenix last weekend (Jan. 15-17). Several Tucson members competed - Matt L., RJ, Sherry T. and Sandra A. - and many more volunteered in several capacities. Our thanks to everyone who helped make the Phoenix rodeo a tremendous success.

AGRA Tucson held its monthly meeting at the Stonewall/Eagle on Sunday, January 24, at that time, election results for 1999 were announced - Scott W. was re-elected as President, Bill D. was re-elected as Vice President, and Wes C. was re-elected as Secretary. Several offices remain vacant and will be voted on at the February meeting.

Two Tucson members have also been elected to the 1999 AGRA state board - Tommy R. will serve as state Vice President and Wes C. will serve as the new state Secretary.

The chapter also voted to change its meeting dates, effective next month, the chapter meetings will be held on the third Saturday of the month at the Stonewall/Eagle. The board will meet at 4:00 P.M., followed by the general membership meeting at 5:00 P.M. The Stonewall/Eagle

will hold a "country night" after each meeting. Our goal is to combine our business meetings with a social function and thereby make it more fun to get involved. We hope all members will join us at our first Saturday meeting - February 20.

AGRA Tucson is proud to announce plans for our annual rodeo romance dance. Rodeo romance will be held at the Stonewall/Eagle on Saturday, February 13, 9:00 P.M. to closing. The dance will feature country dancing (including line dance classes), special drink prices, raffles and other giveaways. The rodeo romance dance is hosted by AGRA as a community-wide fund-raiser. Tickets have been distributed to several community organizations for sale at \$5.00 each. All proceeds from the ticket sales will be kept by that organization to support their own programs. Tickets will also be sold at the door or can be obtained by calling the AGRA office (323-0805). We hope that everyone will take this opportunity to have some fun with AGRA and help the community at the same time!

Upcoming events also include Sunday, February 7 when AGRA will host IBT's benefit BBQ and beer bust on the patio from 4:30 to 7:00 P.M.



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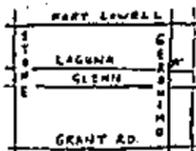
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O.K. How many of you have already abandoned your New Year's resolution? What resolution? Very funny. But isn't that true? We sometimes abandon our resolutions so quickly that we forget we even made any. What strange creatures we humans are.

Now back to those resolutions...the ones you remember making. What were they? Losing weight and quitting smoking are popular ones. Paying off bills/getting out of debt sometimes heads our list. How about something more "people oriented" such as spending more time with our families and good friends? Whatever the resolution the desired outcome is a change for the better. If I lose weight I'll feel better, if

I spend more time doing my hobby I'll be more relaxed and less stressed...and the list of very legitimate reasons goes on and on.

There's nothing wrong with making resolutions. But perhaps the reason we quickly "fail" at them or forget about them all together is because they are at some point shallow. Perhaps we're missing the boat in thinking these particular actions are of great importance. Sure quitting smoking or losing weight may be beneficial to our physical health, or visiting with friends, beneficial to our emotional health. But what about our spiritual health? Have we made any resolutions this new year that addresses our spiritual health?

Although I am not a big fan of New Year's Resolutions I would like to propose one now. Even though it is almost February its not too late to make this one. In fact any day of the year would be the right time for making this resolution. How about, "In the coming year, I resolve to get to know God better"? That's right, to get to know who Jesus Christ really is, to learn how to trust Him, to realize how very much He loves us. You know what? I truly believe that if we would make that our resolution for this next year, many of the other things we think to be important would get resolved. Putting God first, is what really counts. Focusing on Him, trusting in Him, and trying to live our lives in a manner that is glorifying to Him is where our focus should be.

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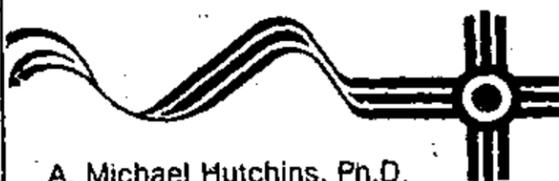


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Each Monday at 5:30 PM, the Desert Interfaith Church meets for a reflective service of prayer at the Chapel of All Nations on First and Highland Streets on the campus of the University of Arizona. These gatherings provide an opportunity to quiet prayer and meditation, personal sharing, and reflection. The church is led by a quiet yet spiritually articulate woman: Dr. Beverly Lanzetta, Interfaith Minister.

The service is built on a simple

## Desert Vision by Rev. Louis F. Kavar, PhD

### Gathering Of Many Faiths

pattern familiar to the regular members of the group. After the reading of a statement which affirms the faith and beliefs of those gathered to engage in respectful interfaith dialogue, each person is given the opportunity to share a prayer or thought. Then a series of brief readings, punctuated by song or quiet meditation, follow. The readings are selected from a variety of the world's great spiritual traditions and follow a theme selected for that day's gathering. Participants then have the opportunity to share from their experience of the theme or reflect on something related to the readings. The service closes with each person blessing the next with water in Hindu tradition.

The opportunity to reflect on themes such as responding to God's call or ecological spirituality can be engaging in itself. Being in a setting where Jewish, Christian, Buddhist, Hindu, Sufi or Native American sources are used for the basis of reflection provides a particular dynamism. That dynamism is enriched by the life experiences of those who gather which include clergy of various traditions, educators, professional people, homemakers, office workers and students. From the depth of sharing it is clear that those who regularly join for the services at the Desert Interfaith Church are serious about their spiritual life and development.

The Desert Interfaith Church is an extension of the Desert Interfaith Seminary. The founder of both church and seminary is Dr. Beverly Lanzetta. Having completed doctoral studies at Fordham University, Dr. Lanzetta began the work of the Interfaith Seminary after leaving a successful career

in traditional academic settings. The Seminary provides an exciting and engaging course of study that introduces students to a wide range of spiritual literature and traditions. The seminary program combines both class room experiences and quarterly retreats to allow students to explore and develop their own spiritual life. While many students use the seminary program for their personal development, ordination as an Interfaith Minister is also available through the seminary.

Dr. Lanzetta is passionate in her quest to equip people to engage in spiritual development from an interfaith perspective. No attempt is made to reduce the strengths of each tradition to the least common denominator. Instead, those who participate in services at the church or classes through the seminary are introduced to a wide variety of spiritual expressions. Such an approach is vital in our multi-cultural world.

For more information about Desert Interfaith Church and Seminary, contact Dr. Beverly Lanzetta at 319-2070.

[The Rev. Louis F. Kavar, Ph.D., is a counselor and spiritual director in private practice in Tucson. He can be contacted at 290-1591 or by e-mail at LouKavar@aol.com.]

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## Maryland Sodomy Law

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Maryland law, like sodomy statutes in other states, posed a lingering threat to privacy rights and left Gay men and women vulnerable to job discrimination and charges of felonious conduct in child custody cases.

The overturning of the Maryland statute follows a nationwide trend. Sodomy laws have been either repealed or ruled unenforceable by courts in 31 other states. Sodomy remains illegal in Virginia and 17 other states, five of which only target same-sex acts.

The ruling by Rombro settles the ACLU's 1997 class-action suit and may resolve a decade-long controversy over the state's 1916 law banning all forms of sodomy and "unnatural or perverted sexual practices."

Democratic state legislators praised the court's decision. "It should have happened a long time ago," said

Maryland Delegate Sharon Grosfeld of Montgomery. Grosfeld said she might support a bill to fully repeal the old law. "Our statutes and our lawbooks are a way for people to know their rights and responsibilities," she said. "If it's not repealed, many people will think it's still good law."

Andrew H. Baida, an assistant attorney general, said officials would like to keep the law on the books to help prosecute cases of sexual assault, prostitution or sex in public.

## Harassment Protection

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the data and take a stand against hate in a more tangible way than through sound bites about valuing diversity." She also noted that it will be far less costly for schools to implement preventive steps than to settle lawsuits like the ground-breaking federal court case that required a Wisconsin school district to pay \$900,000 to battered Gay student Jamie Nabozny.

The DOE OCR noted that more than 10% of the bias crimes reported to the FBI in 1997 (848) occurred in schools, while the office itself received 125 sexual harassment and 211 racial harassment complaints. But the guide also discusses name-calling, graffiti, unwanted touching, and threats of physical assaults, and suggests ways to intervene. It encourages bringing victims and perpetrators together with mediation teams to try to talk out differences.

The guide is designed to help school officials to develop written anti-harassment policies, including formal reporting and complaint procedures; identify and respond to incidents of harassment; develop formal complaint procedures; create a school climate that values diversity; and address hate crimes and conflicts in school and the community. It encourages organizing schools, parents and the community to work together on the issues.

## Politics

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Arizona Legislature, 1-800-352-8404 and leave messages with Rep. Johnson and Gray's office opposing their proposals. . . .

Would the world be safer if the Arizona Legislature met every other year? Still, on the subject of state Rep. Steve May. He told this reporter that he plans next week to introduce legislation to put on the 2000 ballot, a measure, that if approved by the voters, would have the Arizona Legislature meet every other year. . . .

Could mandatory HIV testing of individuals hurt in accidents, where a "significant exposure" of blood has taken place, become reality? It is expected that a bill, forcing mandatory HIV testing on individuals hurt in accidents and helped by public safety employees (paramedic, police, fire-fighters), and where there was "a significant exposure" of blood has taken place will be filed later this week in the Arizona Legislature. The primary proponents are the state's fire-fighters. . . .

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## HIV+ People Should Be Viewed As 'New Minority' With Rights, Public Policy Conference Says

WASHINGTON, DC (HN) — As more effective AIDS treatments develop, Americans must change the way they think about people infected with HIV and the role those people have in society, health officials and legal specialists say.

"This is no longer about how to treat the dying; it's about how to treat the living," John Kane, senior judge of the U.S. District Court in Colorado, said at a conference here on the future of public policy toward AIDS and HIV, the virus that causes the deadly disease.

Kane said the growing effectiveness of drugs in delaying the onset of full-blown AIDS in HIV-positive people means that those taking the medicines can live for years before becoming sick.

Since most of them will choose to continue their normal lives, society must learn to deal with this "new minority," Kane said.

He added: "We need to make sure that people infected with HIV are not just allowed to work, but that they are treated equally and fairly."

Last spring, the Supreme Court ruled that HIV infection constitutes a physical impairment under the Americans With Disabilities Act, which prevents unjust discrimination against the disabled.

However, Kane said legislatures need to enact laws that will clarify how employers should treat workers with HIV or AIDS and what kinds of accommodations must be made for them.

Through the end of 1997, more than 647,000 cases of AIDS had been reported in the United States, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta. As many as 900,000 more Americans have the virus, and it infects about 40,000 people a year.

Ronald Bayer, a professor at Columbia University's School of Public Health, said the country also needs to change its image of who is being infected by the virus. He said that while Gays are still at risk, the main growth in HIV infection is among heterosexual drug users, minorities and women.

Bayer said the changing demographics of infection mean public health policy must develop new ways to fight its spread. "How we educate and whom we educate must reflect the new populations at risk," he said.

Don Des Jarlais, a professor at the Albert Einstein College of Medicine in New York City, said that with the growing number of drug users contracting HIV, the government should reconsider its opposition to needle exchange programs.

"These programs are cheap and simple and can save thousands of lives, so why not use them?" he asked. Des Jarlais pointed out that in Britain, needle exchange programs have nearly eliminated HIV infection among intravenous drug users.

Richard Andrias, an associate justice of the New York Supreme Court, said the changing face of those infected will also strain the public health system, since drug users, women and minorities are more likely not to have health insurance than Gay, white men.

About 70 million people in the United State are uninsured.

Andrias said the expensive drugs used to fight AIDS should not be withheld from people who can't afford them because that creates a two-tier system of care for people infected with HIV.

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Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 1:30 p.m. Take a field trip to the Tumacacori National Historic Park. We'll explore old mission ruins along the Santa Cruz River area, have lunch in Tubac, and get in some shopping. For reservations and more information, please call Patrick at 615-1887.

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 29**  
Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Join Jerry and Les for Game Night. Play a favorite card game or board game—the choice is yours. If you have a favorite you'd like to play, bring it along, but there will be plenty of games from which to choose. For reservations and directions, please call Les or Jerry at 321-4387.

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 30**  
Lesbian Health Fair will be presented today from 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Tucson, 4831 E. 22nd Street (1 Block East of Swan). Free admission, all women welcome, workshops all day long, political and activist discussions, music and entertainment. Meet local groups and social organizations. Massage therapy and alternative therapies. Discover local health services and resources, understand legal issues, talk to professionals. Panel discussions - partner benefits. Learn about cancer screenings and prevention. Have fun! Brought to you by the Lesbian Cancer and Health Project whose mission is to educate, support and entertain the Lesbian and Bisexual community of the greater Tucson area regarding issues of health, especially those pertaining to cancer.

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Join us for our monthly Classic Cinema. We'll showcase an old movie, along with a cartoon and a short. Tonight's feature is "Beal, Book and Candle" starring Kim Novack and Jimmy Stewart. She's a witch who seems to be falling for a mere mortal. For directions and reservations, please call Les at 690-9565.

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 31**  
1. Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). TBA Our monthly hike will be held somewhere hikeable today. For details, please call Ron at 327-1052.  
2. Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 4-6 p.m. The Triangle Tribe, an awareness group, meets to learn and use communication and relationship skills toward developing feelings of trust, love, acceptance and brotherhood. For reservations and directions, please call Tom at 318-1650.

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 5**  
Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 8:00 p.m. Join us for the MSN premiere of "Billy's Hollywood Screen Kiss". This sweet comedy stars Sean Hayes (of "Will & Grace") as a young man looking for love. For reservations and directions, call Les at 690-9565.

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 6**  
Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Join us for our monthly potluck as we sit down to eat with some of the nicest gay guys in town (like you!). You're invited to come and share your favorite dish with the men who come to our monthly gathering. Join us at 6801 N. Oracle (Cassas Adobe Congregational Church). Please call Jerry at 690-9565 for directions and any questions you may have.

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7**  
1. Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 10:00 a.m. Join Patrick for a Hike Planning Session, as he gives directions and ideas for upcoming MSN hikes. If you're interested in sharing your ideas, please call Patrick at 615-1887. Pastries, juice, and coffee will be served.  
2. Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 4-6 p.m. The Triangle Tribe, an awareness group, meets to learn and use communication and relationship skills toward developing feelings of trust, love, acceptance and brotherhood. For reservations and directions, please call Tom at 318-1650.

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 9**  
1. Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Bridge night. Bridge for men who want to refresh their bridge skills (or just have fun); table talk playing. For reservations and directions, please call Mitch at 326-3555.  
2. Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. The Book Club will be discussing "The Promise of Rest" by Reynolds Price. Even if you don't read the selection, we encourage all book lovers to attend. For reservations and directions, please call Steve at 388-4849.

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 10**  
Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Join us for Dinner Out as we visit the Great American Cattle Company on Speedway. Please phone to your reservation to Bill as soon as possible so we can notify the restaurant of the number of men attending. For directions and reservations, please contact Bill at 546-7539.

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 12**  
Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Join Jerry and Les for Game Night. Play a favorite card game or board game—the choice is yours. If you have a favorite you'd like to play, bring it along, but there will be plenty of games from which to choose. For reservations and directions, please call Les or Jerry at 321-4387.

**SATURDAY FEBRUARY 13**  
1. Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 10:00 a.m. Join Steve as he takes us on another "Inside Tucson" tour with an exclusive tour of the Arizona State Museum. For reservations, please call Steve at 887-1140.  
2. Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Bill hosts the 2nd MSN Singles Party. Looking to meet new men outside of a bar? Here's your chance to meet some of the single guys of MSN, and other non-members such as yourself. You're asked to bring a snack/appetizers of course to share with others. For directions

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 27**  
MTS - Pullin' On The Lips" Lip Sync Contest. \$50 for first place. Tucson's newest fun show hosted by Victoria De Pua and Sunny Fu Fu.

**FRIDAY & SATURDAY, JANUARY 29 & 30**  
STONEWALL/EAGLE - It's the 5th Anniversary of Stonewall/Eagle this weekend. Two fabulous shows with Tommie & The Mariettes. 11:00 p.m. both nights. Also showcasing Tucson's best. Fri. 9:30 p.m., "The Crystal Abrams Show". Sat. 9:30 p.m. "Mr. Kenneth Blake Presents". Reservations are required. Limited seating. No Cover. Call 624-8895 for reservations.

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 31**  
GRADUATE - Watch the Super Bowl here and get into the spirit with a variety of party specials.

**HOURS - Super Bowl Party.** Atlanta vs Denver on the big screen and 2 TVs. Munchies and shot specials.

**IBT'S - Super Bowl Sunday Party.** Food, Fun, Party. 16oz Beer Bust 4:30 to 7:00 p.m. Karaoke on the Patio with Billy Dee 4:30 to 7:30. Watch the game on the big screen TV on the dance floor.

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 2**  
**HOURS - Karaoke begins here tonight at 9:00 p.m.** and will continue every Tuesday for all you vocalists.

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 3**  
**IBT'S - 9:00 P.M. "The Grlie Show"** hosted by Lucinda Holiday and featuring Naomi Knight, Kristin, Faith and Crystal Mae Rogers.

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 4**  
STONEWALL/EAGLE - Latin Dance Party with DJ Eduardo 9:00 p.m. to closing. Fuego Latina Travesti Show 10:30 p.m.

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7**  
**IBT'S - 9:00 p.m., It's time for "Naughty Bodies" AGAIN.** This male revue from Phoenix features Hot Men & Hot Bodies!!! If you missed them last time. You better get here early for a good view!

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 11**  
**IBT'S - Gay comedian Rudy Delamor.** Watch for upcoming ads.

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 13**  
STONEWALL/EAGLE - A.G.R.A. Rodeo Romance.

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 14**  
STONEWALL/EAGLE - Second Annual "Girls Just Wanna Have Fun".

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16**  
**IBT'S - Gigantic Mardi Gras Party!** Watch for it!  
and reservations, please call Bill at 546-7539.

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 14**  
Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 4-6 p.m. The Triangle Tribe, an awareness group, meets to learn and use communication and relationship skills toward developing feelings of trust, love, acceptance and brotherhood. For reservations and directions, please call Tom at 318-1650.

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17**  
Pride Law Center Monthly Lecture Series tonight at 6:00 p.m. at the UofA College Of Law at Speedway & Mountain, Room 139. Tonight's talk "Update On Case Law Regarding Sexual Identity 1998-99", will be presented by Dan Haslam, Esq. The next lecture will take place on Wednesday, March 17.

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Retro TV returns with "The Avengers" and 2 episodes of "The Mary Tyler Moore Show". The episodes will feature "first and last" themes. For reservations and directions, please call Les at 690-9565.

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 19**  
Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Our monthly Pizza Party will take place at Les & Jerry's home. Simply bring \$4.00 and join in for a fun evening of food and good conversation. Salad and dessert are also served. Vegetarian pizza offered as well. For reservations and directions, please call Jerry at 690-9565. Please note: reservations should be made by Thursday, February 17 at noon so we can order the proper number of pizzas (but we do order a couple of extra pizzas just in case this isn't read until the day of the event).

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24**  
1. Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 a.m. MSN has its third yard sale, as Orm & Ernie offer their home as the site of this bargain hunter's delight. If you'd like space to sell your stuff, please call Ernie at 884-0375 for details. If you'd like to stop by and shop for bargains, join us at 1250 E. Blackledge (at the corner of Blackledge & Tucson). For more information, please call Ernie at 884-0375.  
2. Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 10:15 a.m. Join Will (a retired ethno-botanist) as he leads a nature hike through the Sabino Basin. You'll learn about the various flora of the region as Will shares his knowledge with us. Space is limited. Please call Will at 298-8454, for reservations and details.

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21**  
Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 4-6 p.m. The Triangle Tribe, an awareness group, meets to learn and use communication and relationship skills toward developing feelings of trust, love, acceptance and brotherhood. For reservations and directions, please call Tom at 318-1650.

**Sunday**  
AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - Beer Bust 5-10, \$1.25 pitchers. Latin Music 9-1. Shot specials all night.  
GRADUATE - Sunday Beer Bust and Food Bug 4-7pm. \$49. \$1.50 small pitcher. BBQ Beef Sandwich with Cheese & Potato Salad \$1.50. Drink specials do not apply during special events.  
HOURS - Open 1pm. \$2 Bloody Marys & \$1.50 Screwdrivers til 9pm. Country music & dancing.  
IBT's - Open Noon to 1pm. Happy Hour noon-3pm, \$1.75 domestic beer and \$1.50 Well. Bonetti B-B-Q and Beer Bust for community organizations 4:30-7:30pm. Karaoke with Billy Dee on the patio 4:30-7:30. Hi energy dancing 9pm to close. All drink specials not available during special events.  
STONEWALL/EAGLE - Open Noon. Daily drink specials. Beer Bust & Happy Hour til 7pm. BBQ 2-6. Hot dance music. Snack Bar opens at noon.  
VENTURE-N - Open 10am. Patio open 3pm. Patio Beer Bust 3-7pm \$69 draft. 381 Dart Tournament 6pm \$3 entry fee (pot matched). Boca Burgers 5-7pm. Hides Leather Goods opens at 7pm.

**Monday**  
AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - Happy Hour 2-7. Free pool 2-4. 9-Ball tournament 6pm, \$3 entry, pot matched. Monday Night Football - 3 screens. \$2.00 Cuervo Gold all night.  
GRADUATE - Open 9am. Happy Hour 4-8pm all well \$1.50 Draft \$1.75 Domestic. Karaoke with Billy Dee 9pm-close. Drink specials do not apply during special events.  
HOURS - Closed Mondays.  
IBT's - Open noon. Martini Monday all day all call martinis \$2.50. Happy Hour noon-3pm, \$1.75 domestic beer and \$1.50 well. 9pm to midnight, \$1.50/32oz pitchers. Extreme dance with DJ Michael 9pm-1am. All drink specials not available during special events.  
STONEWALL/EAGLE - Open Noon Daily drink specials. Happy Hour til 7pm. Party with Chuck in the evening. Doc's Dart Tournney 8pm in the Eagle. Free pool all day and night. Snack Bar opens at noon.  
VENTURE-N - Open 6am. \$1.75 Well drinks and Longnecks 6am-12:30pm.

**Tuesday**  
AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Happy Hour 2-7pm. Free Pool 2-4pm. Pool Tournament 7:30 pot matched. \$1 longnecks for pool players. 70s/80s dance music 9-1. Shot specials all night.  
GRADUATE - Open 9am. Happy Hour 4-8pm all well \$1.50, Domestic \$1.75. Drink specials do not apply during special events.  
HOURS - Open 3pm. Happy Hour 3-8pm. \$1.50 well or domestic beer. Draft Beer Nite 8-close. \$2 tama/\$4 large pitchers.  
IBT's - Open noon. Happy Hour Noon-8 pm, \$1.75 domestic beer & \$1.50 well. 9 pm to close \$1.75 well. Wear an IBT's T-shirt get happy hour prices 9 to close, or buy an IBT's T-shirt for \$5 and get a complimentary drink. Extreme Dance with DJ Michael 9pm to closing.  
STONEWALL/EAGLE - Open Noon Daily drink specials. Happy Hour til 7pm. Eight Ball pool touney, warm-up 6pm, play begins 7pm. Latin Dance Party w/ DJ Eduardo 9pm - 1am. Snack bar opens at noon.  
VENTURE-N - Open 6am. \$1.75 Well drinks and longnecks 6am - 12:30pm.

**Wednesday**  
AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Happy Hour 2-7. Free Pool 2-4. \$1.25 pitchers 8-midnight. Dance music with DJ Robyn 9pm-1am. Shot specials all night.  
GRADUATE - Open 9am. Happy Hour 4-8pm all well \$1.50; Domestic \$1.75. 9 Ball Single Elimination Pool Tournney. 7pm. Pot matched. Drink specials do not apply during special events.  
HOURS - Open 3pm. Happy Hour 3-8pm \$1.50 well or domestic beer. Import Night \$2.25 9pm-1am.  
IBT's - Open Noon to 1am. Happy Hour Noon to 8pm, \$1.75 domestic beer & \$1.50 well. Mystery Night. \$1.75 Bud Product Special 9 pm to close. Dance with David Z. All drink specials not available during special events.  
STONEWALL/EAGLE - Open Noon Daily Drink Specials. Happy Hour til 7pm. Karaoke Nite: 9 to close w/Billy Dee in the Eagle. StuccoE opens at 9pm. Hottest dance music in town. Snack bar opens at noon.  
VENTURE-N - Open 6am. \$1.75 Well drinks and Longnecks 6am-12:30 pm. Cuervo Gold \$2 and Cuervo 1800 \$2.25 Open to close.

**Thursday**  
AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Happy Hour 2-7. Short well or domestic beer. Free pool 2-4. Karaoke 8:30 pm to close. (New time)  
GRADUATE - Open 9am. Happy Hour 4-8pm all Well \$1.50, Domestic \$1.75. 381 Dart Tournament 7:30pm. Double Elimination. Pot Matched. Drink specials do not apply during special events.  
HOURS - Open 3pm. Happy Hour 3-8pm \$1.50 well or domestic beer. 75c Schnapps 8pm to close. \$2 Cuervo shots and country/western dance at 9pm.  
IBT's - Open noon to 1am. Happy Hour noon-8 pm \$1.75 domestic beer and \$1.50 well. Underwear Nite. \$1.50 Well and \$1.75 Domestic Beer to those in their underwear (pant check available). Hi energy dancing 9-close with DJ David Z. All drink specials not available during special events.  
STONEWALL/EAGLE - Open Noon Daily drink specials. Happy Hour til 7pm. Latin Dance Party w/Eduardo in the Stonewall 8pm to close. Shockley Travesti Show 10:30pm. Snackbar opens at noon.  
VENTURE-N - Open 6am \$1.75 Well Drinks & Longnecks 6am-12:30pm. Patio Beer Open 9pm. Fosters Bottles \$1.75 from 9pm-midnight. Day prices for men in leather 7pm to close. Pool Tournament 7pm-late. \$3 entry (Pot Matched). Hides Leather shop opens at 8:30.

**Friday**  
AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Happy Hour 2-7. Free pool 2-4. 5:30 - 7 free food. Top 40 dance music 9-1 w/ DJ Bill.  
GRADUATE - Open 9am. Happy Hour 4-8pm, all well \$1.50; domestic \$1.75. Drink specials do not apply during special events.  
HOURS - Open 3pm. Happy Hour 3-8pm \$1.50 well and domestic beer. Country Western Music and Dancing 9pm to 1am.  
IBT's - Open noon. Happy Hour Noon-8pm \$1.75 domestic beer and \$1.50 well. Live Jazz on the patio with the Dukes of York 5-8pm. Patio Bar 9-1. Dance Party 9 to 1 with DJ David Z. All drink specials not available during special events.  
STONEWALL/EAGLE - Open Noon Daily drink specials. Happy Hour til 7pm. T.G.I.F. Free snacks 4:30-8pm The hottest dance music in town 9pm to close in the Stonewall. Snack Bar opens at noon.  
VENTURE-N - Open 6am. \$1.75 Well drinks and Longnecks 6am-12:30 Snacks served at 5pm. Patio Bar open 3pm. Hides Leather Store opens at 8:30pm.

**Saturday**  
AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Hi energy dance music from 8:30pm to 1am. Drink specials every 1/2 hour.  
GRADUATE - Open 9am. Happy Hour 4-8pm, all well drinks \$1.50; domestic \$1.75. 8 Ball Pool Tournament 2pm. Double Elimination, pot matched. Drink specials do not apply during special events.  
HOURS - Open 1pm. Small Pitchers \$2 & FREE pool 2-5. Country Western Music all night.  
IBT's - Open Noon to 1am. Happy Hour noon to 8pm \$1.75 domestic beer and \$1.50 well. Patio Bar 9-1. Dance 9 to 1 with DJ David Z. All drink specials not available during special events.  
STONEWALL/EAGLE - Open noon. Daily drink specials. Beer Bust & Happy Hour til 7pm. Free Pool noon to 7pm. Stonewall opens 9pm. The hottest dance music in town. Snack Bar opens at noon.  
VENTURE-N - Open 6am. Patio Bar open at 3pm. Patio Beer Bust with \$69 draft 3-7pm. Hides Leather Store opens at 8:30pm. Partnership Cricket Tournament 8:30pm \$3 entry (Pot Matched).

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BISexual INFORMATION/SUPPORT GROUP for women and men. Meetings 1st & 3rd Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. at Wingspan, 300 E. 6th St. 624-1778.

GAY VOLLEYBALL ON SATURDAYS. Competitive play. Intermediate or better players only. Grass court Northwest corner Humeel Park 11 a.m. Check it out!

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 relaxing touch. There is a fee. You must sign up in advance to participate. Call Marc at 621-4552 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 Greg Hoffman 577-8333 for more info.

TUCSON LESBIAN/GAY ALLIANCE (TLGA) meets on the second Tuesday of Wingspan, 300 E. 6th Street at 7pm. For more information call 622-3299.

LEARN TO BE A LISTENING FRIEND. Unique Hospital Volunteer Program teaches listening skills to Volunteers who provide a safe/compassionate environment to at-risk patients. Training every 8 weeks. 606-7993.

TITAN, a coalition of churches and synagogues committed to providing a compassionate response to the HIV crisis, provides HIV education in congregational settings, volunteer Care Teams to support HIV+ persons, a referral network of HIV-sensitive clergy, and interfaith services of healing and hope. For more information call 226-8647.

THURTYsomething Society - an exclusive society for single Gay and Bi men in or near their thirties. A social society that offers monthly activities including a monthly outing away from Tucson. Call 797-2118 for more information and a membership fee.

LESBIAN/GAY/BI-SEXUAL OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS. Saturdays noon-1pm new location Wingspan, 300 E. 6th St. Contacts 325-8678 or 327-4283.

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 791-7878.

NORTHWEST CATHOLIC GAY/LESBIAN SUPPORT GROUP meets every 4th Monday at St. Odile's Catholic Church, 7578 N. Paseo Del Norte in the Parish Hall Conference Room (Bldg. North of the Church) at 7:30 p.m. For more info call Mary 297-8642 or Sr. Joan 745-9000.

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 Brenda at 684-0629, Ext. 448 or Emma 322-8657 (evrhan@ix.netcom.com)

AZfykes is a new e-mail list for Lesbians living in Arizona. For information mail fykes@server.com and request goldmine.

OUTLOUD! Tucson's premiere Local Lesbian and Gay Radio Show, broadcast each 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month at 8:30pm on 91.3 FM, Community Radio KXCI. This show alternates with "This Way Out", a satirically syndicated Lesbian and Gay radio show.

THEATER/DINNER/ETC! Non-Smoking Lesbian Network meets every 2nd Saturday night of each month. If you'd like to meet women 35+ (Bustle) and socialize in a smoke-free environment 8:00-9:15 before 10:00 p.m. The group does not and stands shows or movies. See us in their 18th year! (7th in Tucson).

TRANSGENDER ISSUES: Southern Arizona Gender Alliance (SAGA) meets on first Mondays for informal discussions of transgender topics. Hosted by Desert Boys. For information call Gary at 628-8680 or e-mail to: moonbryd@earthlink.net.

EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT GROUP FOR ALTERNATIVE LIFESTYLES. Not a dating club. Discreet. Meetings every Monday evening. Call for more info. APEX (Arizona Power Exchange) 662-415-1123. 24-hr multi-choice message including information, calendar and location.

ARIZONA AIDS POLICY ALLIANCE (AZAPA) seeks to educate legislators and citizens about current AIDS policy. For more information write AZAPA, 6423 N. 14th St., #112, Phoenix, AZ 85014 or call 662-376-6805.

GAY MORMON, EX-MORMON. New support and discussion group. For information call 628-4580

ABUSE RELATIONSHIPS. Individual or group support for Gay, Bisexual and Trans men who are victims/survivors in ex-mo-er relationships. Group meets Tuesdays 7 to 8:30pm at a confidential location. For information or appointment call 218-2827. Wingspan Domestic Violence Project.

INNER WISDOM - Try hypnotherapy for pain relief, past life exploration and addiction release. Also available: Spiritual Counseling and Dream Interpretation. 578-8628

COCHISE COUNTY LESBIANS AND GAYS. P.O. Box 618, Babes, AZ 85603 / (602)432-5591. Rap Group, Youth Group, Social and Political Events.

SUPPORT GROUP FOR MEN IN SAME SEX RELATIONSHIPS who have ever been physically, verbally or sexually abused, is now forming. Call Randy Oberhoff, Ph.D. at 678-8927 for more

BEARS OF THE OLD PUEBLO -- a social club for bears and bigger, more robust men (and of course, those who prefer their company). For more info, Call the Bears Hotline (520)327-1628 or write P.O. Box 43818, Tucson, AZ 85733-3818, or come to our general meetings the second Friday of every month. Location listed on our bulletin.

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 for info at 688-6641

LESBIAN AND GAY AL-JANON - Affected by someone's drinking? Meeting every Tuesday 8:45 to 9:45 p.m. at Lambda Center, 2940 E. Thomas, Phoenix. Eln 661-8859 or Room 968-2384.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE GROUP - Outreach to Gay and Lesbian people in Arizona. Meets monthly. Write to P.O. Box 893, Phoenix, AZ 85061 or call Eddy Walters, (602)371-1182

CROMES SOCIAL GROUP. A Social group for Gay men who enjoy the fellowship of their peers. Call Mario at 688-7264.

T-SQUARES Lesbian and Gay square dance club meets every Tuesday from 8:30-9:00 p.m. at Cornerstone Fellowship Book Hall, 2942 N. Desolano (near 1st Ave. and Laguna). Open to All. Call Liz at 325-8488 or Ray at 748-6247.

LIGHTNING LIGHTING will provide lighting for AIDS and related benefits at no charge. For more info call Adriano at 899-7288.

MADE MEN: Long-haired Gay male peepal network. Photo, 3 IRC's to join. Box 231, Shelton B. Ottawa, CANADA, K1P0C4

GAY & LESBIAN SPIRITUALITY GROUP of St. Phillips in the 19th Episcopal Church meets first and third Wednesdays. Call David, 325-7845 for more information.

SCUBA DIVERS CLUB. For information call digital pager 291-8882.

SOUTHERN ARIZONA AIDS FOUNDATION (SAAF), 151 S. Tucson Blvd., Suite 211 (The Braetmoor Building). Office Hours 9am to 5pm, Monday through Friday. Direct services and emotional support for persons with and affected by HIV. Anonymous HIV testing and support groups available. Prevention education program. 322-4228. AIDS Hotline: 328-ANES. World wide web: http://www.saaaf.org. VOLUNTEERS WELCOME.

FRONT RUNNERS OF TUCSON meet for fun runs Tuesdays at 8 p.m. Group meets in front of the Humeel Park Library (East side), and Sundays at various times and places. For more information call Mike at 328-3686

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 575-9860 or write P.O. Box 34264, Tucson, AZ 85746-4264. All replies confidential.

ARE YOU GAY OR LESBIAN and someone else's drinking is getting to you. Call information and Referral about Al-Anon 861-1784 in Tucson info about special groups for Gays and Lesbians.

YOUNG AND GAY?

Lesbians and Gay youth 20 and under, meet every Saturday in Tucson for sharing, support and information. Meetings are held at 300 E. 6th Street from 2 to 5 pm. You are not alone. For more info call Wingspan, 624-1778.

The TUCSON Chapter of PRIDE TIMERS INTERNATIONAL invites Gay or Bisexual men and their admirers to join and share Pride Timers fellowship. We welcome mature men (and admirers) who wish to become involved with planned and future Pride Timers activities. Meetings luncheons and dinners are held monthly. For dates, times and information call 684-8286, leave message and phone number.

TUCSON GAY INFORMATION AND REFERRAL

For information on human service organizations, health and mental health services, financial and government assistance, emergency services such as food and shelter, education, etc. Call information and Referral 661-1784 - 9 am - 5 pm Mon. - Fri.

AIDS HOTLINE - 328-ANES. Hours M-F, 9:00 am to 10:00 pm. Information, counseling, HIV-related services. Tucson.

GAY OR BI-SEXUAL MEN in relationships with women. Need friends you can talk to? Weekly support group meets Wednesdays 8:30 - 9:30 pm. Licensed psychologist facilitates. Call 745-8977 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 Sunday (open to all), 8:00 p.m. Information 624-1778.

SUPPORT GROUP: Gays, Lesbians and Bisexuals meet weekly for open discussions in a loving, supportive atmosphere. Meetings Thursdays from 7:30 to 8:30 pm at St. Francis in the Faithful Church, Duane and River Road, Room 43. Call the church at 698-1283 or Brian at 682-4726 for information.

LICHER HIKING CLUB for women of all ages and backgrounds of life. Hike with other women. Listings in Reddytail Journal available at Antiques Books, 411 N. 4th Ave.

CAMELBACK BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION (CBPA) OF PHOENIX. For information and membership write: CBPA at P.O. Box 2897, Phoenix, AZ 85001.

LESBIAN SUPPORT GROUP addressing a full spectrum of issues, problems and solutions. Meetings 2nd & 4th Wednesday 7 to 8:30 p.m. at Wingspan, 300 E. 6th St. 624-1778.

ARIZONA GAY RODEO ASSOCIATION (AGRA) TUCSON CHAPTER. Interested? Call 325-8685 or write AGRA/Tucson, P.O. Box 48284, Tucson, AZ 85717.

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.

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

ATTENTION ALL NUOBITS - Tucson Tamers is a model group open to all - Made activities scheduled both indoor and outdoors. Not "Gay Only", but Gays are welcome and invited to join. For further information send \$48 to: Tucson Tamers, P.O. Box 94-G, Corona, AZ 85802.

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.

DEBERT VOICES, Tucson's Gay & Lesbian Chorus rehearses Monday evenings from 6:30 to 9:30pm at Artway Park Senior Center, 228 S. 9th Ave. Call 791-9882.

Join the LESBIAN & GAY PUBLIC AWARENESS PROJECT. In Tucson write Awareness Project, 3841 N. Campbell Ave. #345, Tucson, AZ 85719.

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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 698-9645 for information and a newsletter. Check the Men-Bar Calendar in the Observer.

SOFTBALL - For info on the Tucson Greater Softball Association T.G.S.A., please contact. Mary 778-9879 or Barrie 318-3415.

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 judgment or proselytizing - we are here to be of service. For information call Scott at 298-9883.

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 322-4228.

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

AAPF - ARIZONA ASSOCIATION OF PUBLIC SAFETY PROFESSIONALS - a non-profit organization committed to providing support and networking for all Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual public safety professionals in Arizona. Membership open to Law Enforcement Officers, Firefighters, Probation, Parole and corrections Officers and citizens working within the agencies. Website: http://members.aapf.org/AAPF or e-mail: AAPF@aoe.com or call Dave (520)748-9858 (Tucson) or Kim (602)534-4218 (Phoenix)

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### Softball Alive And Well In Tucson



TUCSON - Pictured Above are members of the Arizona Aces, one of the two local teams that represented Tucson in the Palm Springs Winter Classic.

TUCSON -- The Arizona Aces participated in the recent Softball Winter Classic in Palm Springs, California.

Over 30 teams from across the country, including the Aces, competed in the Men's C Division of the tournament, with our Aces finishing fourth. A special thanks to our official sponsor, John Sills, owner of Gateway Villas, and to the many fans that cheered for our team. Way to go

### Award Winning Author In Tucson Jan. 18-19

TUCSON — Joan Drury, author of the award-winning Tyler Jones feminist mystery series, will read selections from and discuss her third Mystery, "Closed in Silence," at two Tucson bookstores in February.

Ms. Drury will appear at Clues Unlimited Mystery Books, 123 South East-bourn, Thursday, February 18, 4:00 to 6:00 P.M. She will also appear at Antigone Books, 411 North Fourth Avenue, Friday,

Aces...

The Arizona Aces are looking for a few good men and women. If you play softball, come and join our team! The Arizona Aces are preparing for the upcoming Cactus Tournament in Phoenix. Practices are held every Wednesday night at Oury Park (Freeway and St. Mary's Road). For more information, call Carlos, (520) 798-3390 for practice time and other information.

February 19, 7:00 P.M.

"Closed in Silence" was published by Spinsters Ink in September of last year. It was reviewed by The New York Times recently, which declared about the author, "... [Drury] certainly knows how to establish the right atmosphere for a whodunit. ... Drury has a knack for setting a scene."

For more information about Joan Drury's readings in Tucson, call Clues Unlimited (520) 326-8533 or Antigone Books, (520) 792-3715.

### TIHAN Seeks Volunteers

TUCSON — Volunteers are needed to join the Tucson Interfaith HIV/AIDS Network (TIHAN) team and make a difference. Congregational volunteers are needed to assist with a variety of options through TIHAN.

Volunteer opportunities range from CareTeams (friendly visits, errands, emotional support) to newsletter help, office support, public speaking, assistance with fund raising events, information booths and more. If interested, TIHAN will find the right opportunity for you.

Volunteer orientation sessions will be held, Thursday, February 18 and Wednesday, February 24, 7:00 to 8:30 P.M. An overview of TIHAN and its volunteer needs will be addressed during these sessions. Attendance at one of these two orientations is required prior to the actual training. The training session will be held Saturday, February 27, 8:30 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. There is a \$15 registration fee for the training session (to cover materials and lunch). All sessions will be held at St. Cyril Catholic Church, 4725 East Pima.

Over the past four years, TIHAN volunteers have contributed over 15,000 hours of direct service to people living with HIV/AIDS in our community. Our volunteers come from many congregations throughout Tucson, and are a wonderfully diverse group. What we all have in common is a sense of compassion, a desire to help people in need, and a commitment to break down the fears, misunderstandings, and myths related to HIV/AIDS.

To sign up for an orientation, or for more information, call the TIHAN office, (520) 299-6647.



### City Council Member Seeks Individual To Appoint To Mayor's G/L/B/T Task Force

TUCSON — Tucson City Councilmember, Steve Leal, D-Ward 5 is looking for an individual to appoint to the Mayor's Task Force on Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender Issues.

Three subcommittees comprise the Task Force: Legal, Education and Social Services — which have been working on updating the language in the anti discrimination ordinance; conducting a survey to gauge the safety and openness that Gays, Lesbians, Bisexuals and Transgendered people have in accessing services from local agencies; and, making schools safer and more responsive to the needs of Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgendered students.

To be able to serve on the Task Force, you need to live within the Tucson city limits and be a registered voter.

If interested, please send a resume and a cover letter stating why you would like to serve on the Task Force, to: Councilmember Steve Leal, 4300 South Park, Tucson, Arizona 85714. For more information, please call the Ward 5 Council Office, (520) 791-4231.

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