

## Stonewall Receives Award of Appreciation from TIHAN



TUCSON - On behalf of the Stonewall bar, David Zinke accepts the Award of Appreciation presented by Scott Blades, Executive Director of the Tucson Inerfaith HIV/AIDS Network (TIHAN). See related story below.

TUCSON - One of the highlights of the TIHAN's Annual Meeting and post holiday evening was the surprise award given to Stonewall/Eagle.

More than 100 TIHAN volunteers, clients, clergy, donors, and friends in attendance, TIHAN's treasurer Dr. Myron Morris made specific mention of last year's financial support of TIHAN from Tucson's bars.

Dr. Morris referred to the generosity of IBT's, Woody's, The Graduate, and the Venture-N. Then, TIHAN Executive Director Scott Blades made a surprise announcement and presented the Stonewall/Eagle with a special award for TIHAN's greatest fund raiser of 1999, Turnabout for TIHAN.

Through their fund raising efforts last year, the bar raised over \$5,000 in support of TIHAN's programs and services. "The Stonewall/Eagle staff have been a great help in making sure our community knows about TIHAN, and through their fund raising efforts, they have worked hard to make sure TIHAN can keep growing to meet the needs of our brothers and sisters living with HIV," Blades said.

David Zinke accepted the engraved award of appreciation, a carved green acrylic plaque, on behalf of Stonewall/Eagle's management, staff and patrons.

Blades praised the Stonewall and the other Tucson clubs for being "business that are truly generous and community-minded, giving back to the community they serve."

## Vermont Hearings On Marriage Begin

MONTPELIER, VT (NP) - Charged by the Vermont Supreme Court with legislating one of the most explosive issues of the day, legal same-gender marriages, the Vermont House Judiciary Committee began deliberations in a calm and scholarly fashion.

The court's December 20 ruling tasked the legislature with extending all the benefits of legal marriage to Gay and Les-

bian couples, but left open the choice between amending the marriage law or creating a parallel domestic partnership system. Committee Chair Thomas Little, R-Shelburne, said of his panel of four fellow Republicans, five Democrats and a Progressive that, "I've asked them to be open-minded and to put aside their ideas

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## National 'Freedom To Marry' Celebration In Tucson February 12

TUCSON - The national debate on allowing same-sex marriages will move to Tucson when QueerVoice hosts a discussion with youth, activists and community leaders as part of the National Freedom to Marry Day celebration.

The group is planning a citywide event that aims to educate the public about the issue beginning at 2:00 P.M. Feb. 12 in the downstairs conference room of the Main Library in downtown Tucson.

Youth from QueerVoice decided to pursue the issue after attending the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force's Creating Change 1999 activism and leadership conference in Oakland, Calif.

QueerVoice sees the issue of marriage as important to a healthy environment for today's youth because marriage is a foundation of family, a critical component to prosperous youth. QueerVoice also wants to convey that Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgendered (GLBT) youth are first-class citizens who are capable of having healthy, long-term committed relationships.

Additional attention is expected to be drawn to the issue when event planners organize a commitment ceremony for Gay and Lesbian couples that will be performed by the Rev. Joyce Cook of MCC Water of Life Church.

"Currently, no state in this country legally recognizes the right of its Gay or lesbian citizens to marry," said Steve Hall, president of Wingspan, Tucson's GLBT

community center. "Additionally, no state has made available an equivalent civil contract. However, in the wake of the historic ruling in Vermont and the previous case in Hawaii, 30 states have passed legislation specifically banning same-gender marriage." Hall referred to landmark cases in Hawaii and Vermont that have fueled national debate about whether same-sex couples should be granted the same marriage rights as mixed-sex couples.

The dispute in Hawaii began in 1993 when its Supreme Court ruled that denying same-sex couples the freedom to marry discriminates on the basis of sex. It ordered that a trial be held to see whether the state could offer a compelling reason to limit marriage to mixed-sex couples.

After the trial, a state judge ruled in December 1996 that excluding same-sex couples from the right to marry violates Hawaii's constitution. The case continued on Nov. 3, 1998 when right-wing groups succeeded in pushing an amendment to the Hawaii constitution that the Legislature "shall have the power to reserve marriage to a man and a woman."

In response, the Hawaii Supreme Court asked both sides to prepare briefs outlining the effects of the amendment. A ruling against same-sex couples came down on Dec. 9, 1999 according to the Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund.

A more positive decision was handed down Dec. 20, 1999 in Vermont

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## High Court To Hear NJ Scout Case

WASHINGTON, DC (NP) - The U.S. Supreme Court announced that it will take up the Boy Scouts of America's (BSA) appeal of the New Jersey Supreme Court decision that under that state's Law Against Discrimination volunteer assistant scoutmaster James Dale could not be fired simply for being Gay.

Dale was a highly decorated Eagle Scout whose sexual orientation became public as the result of a newspaper interview regarding the needs of Gay youth, in his capacity as the leader of a student group at Rutgers University; he never discussed it in any Scouting context.

The BSA has maintained that the phrase "morally straight" in the Scout's Oath excludes Gays, and that it is a private organization protected by the constitutional right to freedom of association. The New Jersey Supreme Court in August 1999 found instead that BSA is a "public accommodation" required to comply with the state civil rights law. The U.S. Supreme Court's ruling could have implications for the enforcement of every civil rights law in the country. Oral arguments will be scheduled

in April and a decision is expected in July.

BSA attorney George Davidson told the Associated Press that, "Scouting adheres to a moral belief ... that homosexual conduct is not moral. ... Boy Scouting is really all about sending messages. The message is that you should be morally straight."

Evan Wolfson of the Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund, who has represented Dale, seemed optimistic about the upcoming hearing because, "The Court now has the chance to hear that scouting is about honesty, community service, self-reliance, and respect for others — not discrimination." He expressed the organization's confidence that, "once the Justices examine the facts, they will agree with the unanimous New Jersey Supreme Court that Boy Scouts do not come together to promote bigotry and anti-Gay bias. Thus, their First Amendment rights are not violated by the civil rights law."

It was 1990 when the newspaper article was published and the Monmouth  
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# UPDATE

## Desert Coyotes Looking For Bowlers

TUCSON - The Desert Coyotes, Tucson's Wednesday night Gay and Lesbian bowling league have an opening on one of the team rosters, which resumes play this week at Golden Pin Lanes, 1010 W. Miracle Mile.

Skill is not important, averages in the league range from 100 to 200. Having fun is the only prerequisite. Bowling starts at 9:00 P.M. The teams consist of three individuals. The cost to bowl is \$10 a week, plus a sanctioning fee.

If interested, please show up a few minutes prior to the start time. For more information, please call (520) 323-6449.

## Ballet Hispanico At Centennial Hall Jan. 22

TUCSON - UApresents, the University of Arizona's performing arts series, brings the celebrated modern dance company Ballet Hispanico back to Centennial for one performance only on Saturday, January 22, 8:00 P.M.

A smash success with Tucson audiences when they last visited three years ago, Ballet Hispanico returns this season with a program that features of new works by three noted choreographers, David Rouseve, Regina Miranda and Ramon Oller. The New York Times called a recent performance by the Company, "a dynamic mix of jazz dance and ballet, alternating spurts of energy with stunning moments of stillness."

Ticket prices for the performance range from \$16-\$28. Discounts are available for students, subscribers and UA faculty and staff. For more information or tickets, call (520) 621-3341.

## 'La Cage' Playing At Bisbee Rep

BISBEE - The musical production of La Cage aux Folles opened this week, for the first time in Arizona, before a packed house at the Bisbee Repertory Theater.

First night jitters aside, many people commented on the cast's potential for a sparkling performance and how obvious it was.

This run is dedicated to Matt Flores, a Douglas man who died of AIDS ten years ago. His mother, Elsa Flores, made an emotional appeal to the audience for a greater awareness and compassion for persons living with HIV/AIDS, and Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgendered persons.

The production will run until Feb. 20. The schedule of performances are: January 21, 22, 28 and 29. February 4, 5, 12, 13, 18 and 19. Showtimes are 7:30

P.M. for all dates except February 20, for which the curtain will rise at 3:00 P.M. for a matinee.

Tickets are \$8 in advance and \$10 at the door. For more information or tickets, call (520) 432-3786.

## Ohio DP Plan Debated

LAKEWOOD, OH (WS) - More than 400 people turned out at the city hall for a public hearing about a proposed domestic-partnership plan for municipal workers.

Retired military officers wore their uniform hats to protest the proposal, while supporters of the measure, which would cover both Gay and heterosexual workers, wore badges at the hearing, which was characterized by heated, sometimes hostile debate. "Don't ram your immorality down my throat, and I won't force my morality on you," Don O'Neal testified.

Michelle McKee, a Lesbian, told the hearing, "You are making a huge issue out of something that is a basic right. I pay my taxes. I value everything you do. This isn't about money; it's about hate." The proposal would affect between six and 11 municipal employees. The city council has not scheduled a final action on the matter.

## Jordanian Lesbian Beaten By Her Family

SALT LAKE CITY, UT (SLT) - A Jordanian woman living in Utah claims her family kidnapped her and tried to send her back to Jordan because they are ashamed of her Lesbian lifestyle.

Muna Hawatmeh, 23, testified in a Third District Court preliminary hearing this week that her father, mother, and two brothers have threatened her for a year. That harassment included an October 14 beating during which she claims her father told her, "It is better if you die." Muna said her family spared her life only after she kissed her father's feet, promised to give up the Gay lifestyle, and tearfully asked to return to Jordan.

Muna's brothers, Iehab, 32, and Shaher, 33, father, Jamil, 64, and mother, Wedad, 54, are charged with first-degree felony assault, aggravated kidnapping, and third-degree felony aggravated assault.



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The cost to attend will be \$95 to \$225, on a sliding scale based on income. No illegal drugs or alcohol, no s/m and no pets. Space is limited for both RV's and cabins. For more information, contact: Camp Sister Spirit, Box 12W, Ovett, MS 39494, (601) 344-1411, or sisterspir@aol.com.

## Calif. Governor Backs G/L Military Service

SACRAMENTO, CA (SB) - California Gov. Gray Davis has declined to take a position on the March ballot measure which seeks to outlaw Gay marriages in California, but he said he has no objections to Gays in the military.

The Democratic governor said he would announce his position later this month on all 20 measures on the March 7 ballot, including Proposition 22, also known as the Knight initiative.

As to whether he thinks Gay men and Lesbians should be allowed to serve openly in the military, Davis said his experience in the Army in Vietnam taught him that if a soldier is otherwise qualified, it doesn't matter whether he is Gay or heterosexual.

"I can tell you that anyone who's been in or near a combat zone doesn't care about the sexual orientation of the person standing next to him as long as they are in the same uniform. That's all that matters, that they are on your side," Davis said.

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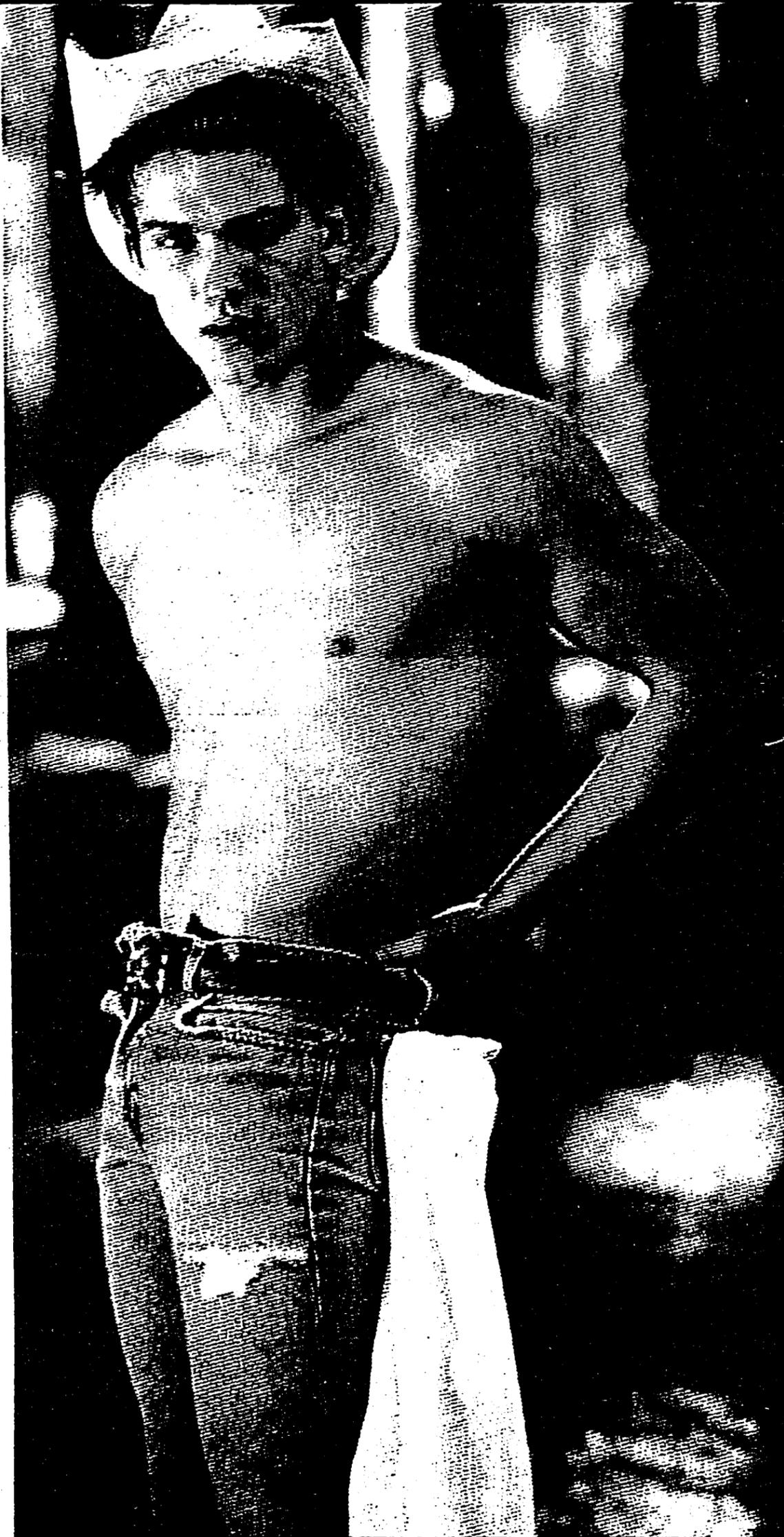
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### Freedom To Marry Celebration

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when that state's Supreme Court ruled that Gay and lesbian couples are entitled to the same benefits and protections as married homosexual couples.

The high court stopped short of giving Gays and lesbians the right to marry, leaving it instead to the Legislature to decide whether to legalize same-sex marriages or create some kind of domestic partnership status to ensure rights. Gay organizations hailed the decision as the most far-reaching of its kind in the United States and said it represents their best chance of winning the right to marriage for the first time anywhere in the country.

Because of cases such as those, National Freedom to Marry Day was launched on Feb. 12, 1998 by the National Freedom to Marry Coalition, a network of groups and individuals organized to educate the public about the issue.

During that first observance, more than 50 events were organized across the country. In 1999, that number grew to more than 70 events in 32 states from Alaska to Connecticut. The Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund lists the following reasons for supporting same-sex marriage:

Marriage is a basic human right that is denied to same-sex couples in all states and the District of Columbia.

Legal and economic protections are denied to same-sex couples. Lambda cites a government report that says 1,049 federal rights, responsibilities and protections are not extended to same-sex couples. These include hospital visitation rights, filing joint income tax returns, joint parenting and adoption and obtaining joint insurance and health coverage.

Domestic partnership benefits are not marriage. Lambda says that in certain cities and companies there is limited recognition or relationships between unmarried partners, including same-sex couples. And it says that no domestic partnership plan can provide the same responsibilities and protection as marriage.

Eligibility for financial aid and scholarships is often affected by marital status. on college campuses, special arrangements for student housing are offered to married students but not same-sex couples.

gram of local agencies, including the Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation and Wingspan, focuses on health promotion and HIV prevention for GLBT youth in Tucson and Southern Arizona.

Studies show that youth who have positive role models, accurate information and high levels of self-esteem are at lower risk for sexually transmitted diseases, substance abuse, suicide attempts, dropping out of school and other risky behaviors. For this reason, QueerVoice looks to assist in creating an environment for youth to prosper. It also seeks to facilitate a process to reduce and eliminate homophobia in our community and society.

For information about the local observance, contact Mike Pollack, (520) 628-7223.

### UK Revokes Ban On G/L Military Service

LONDON, UK - Before a packed House of Commons the British Defense Secretary Geoff Hoon announced that the ban on Gay service in the UK armed forces was hereby abolished.

"As no primary or secondary legislation is required," secretary Hoon said, "with effect from today, homosexuality will no longer be a bar to service in Britain's armed forces."

The change, mandated by a European court ruling last September, brings Britain in line with almost all the other nations that are members of the NATO alliance, including Canada, France, and Germany. The United States military's 'don't ask, don't tell, don't pursue' policy stands out as a notable exception to that trend.

Secretary Hoon outlined a new conduct-based code of behavior that will govern personal relations between members of the British armed forces, one that will operate without regard to a soldier's sexual orientation. Hoon told members of Parliament the rules recognize sexual orientation is "essentially a private matter for the individual."

Disciplinary action under the new rules would be taken only if a personal relationship or an individual's behavior was seen by superiors to damage "efficiency or operational effectiveness."

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## San Antonio Activists Fight Back Against Police Harassment in Parks

SAN ANTONIO, TX (GFN) - Averaging one sexual misdemeanor arrest per day, San Antonio officials have focused the national spotlight on their city's treatment of men who have sex in public parks. Park rangers say they have charged over 650 men since 1997 with minor sex-related crimes.

After heightened criticism and issuance of a national travel advisory by the city's Gay leaders, the mayor of Texas' "number-one tourist city" has called for a meeting with the Gay and Lesbian Community Center, an encouraging step, say some national Gay advocates.

In most cities across the country, however, male public sex is viewed with contempt, and treatment of the subject by law enforcement and the media is corrupt, many advocates insist.

Some go further, questioning the very basis for the laws that allow police to target man-to-man sex.

Michigan's Triangle Foundation, a statewide advocacy group, spends much of its efforts fighting discrimination. The group's director of policy and victim services, Sean Kosofsky, says it's important to make several clarifications when addressing the issue of male public sex.

There is a distinction between what the public considers public sex and what police are targeting, Kosofsky says. Most view a couple being intimate in Times Square as public sex, which is far from the activity that typically occurs unnoticed in remote parts of public parks or buildings.

According to Kosofsky, most men who have sex with men beyond the privacy of their own homes actually take "an extensive degree of caution in trying to keep their intimacy or sexual activity private."

Many only use the parks and restrooms as meeting points and go elsewhere for sex, Kosofsky says. He adds that those who opt to have sex in parks and mall restrooms consciously consider their behavior beforehand and view it as "incredibly private."

"They don't want family friends or the public to see this. So they think, if we do this in this bathroom, I'm choosing one stall in one bathroom in one rest area," Kosofsky said. "You don't normally find this in the middle of a dog path in the middle of a rest area somewhere, and you don't generally find this on the bathroom counter in a bathroom. There's usually one bathroom in a certain facility, like in a mall, that people tend to know where to go."

Cruisingforsex.com site owner Keith Griffith agrees, noting that "we have been having sex in the outdoors a great deal longer than inside our bedrooms."

But leaders are split on the demographics. While the Triangle Foundation says that most men who have sex with men in public venues don't identify as part of the Gay community, Griffith of San Diego believes otherwise.

"We as a community have decided those people having sex in public places are not us," he said. "We're good little Gay people. We wouldn't do that."

But if most did self-identify as Gay, Kosofsky believes they would seek more traditional venues, such as bars, clubs and bathhouses.

The demographics are important because they may ultimately determine the solution. If most involved consider themselves Gay, then it paints the Gay community poorly, said Kosofsky. However, if most participants see themselves as separate from the community, Gay community-based programs to deter public sex are ineffective.

Kosofsky admits, however, that little statistical information exists on the subject.

### PUBLIC COMPLAINTS

According to San Antonio Parks Department, in 1996 city officials instituted a program of target teams to conduct plainclothes patrols in the city's 123 parks, following a "public outcry." City and law enforcement officials nationwide say the number-one complaint comes from parents who are worried their children will observe adults engaged in sex. But Gay advocates say municipal leaders refuse to share reports of public complaints.

"Every time we ask the state or local police to produce records of public complaints, they can't," Kosofsky said. "We've never been able to generate a public complaint they got a phone call on public sex, never."

Such is the case in San Antonio, according to Community Center board chairman Michael McGowan, who filed requests for complaint records. The city has missed one deadline and is still stalling, according to McGowan.

"At that meeting they made lots of statements, and then on most of them they backed up. It turned out that they weren't true. They haven't been able to prove anything," said McGowan, who believes the entire San Antonio situation is motivated by institutionalized homophobia.

Kosofsky agrees. "You ask any straight guy in our society, if they were to enter a public toilet and see two Lesbians making out in that bathroom, they're going to tell you they think that's pretty hot. But a guy and girl, they're going to say, 'Get the hell out of here.'"

"If they come across two guys, they're going to call the cops."

Kosofsky says there's a double standard related to what he calls the "yuck factor."

"What? People think their kids might turn Gay or be freaked out they saw sex?" he asked. "But I think the primary concern comes down to, 'We just don't like to see that.'"

Kosofsky says that if "people were really cool with Gay people and homosexuals had equal rights and people were really comfortable about their own sexuality," the situation would be different. There wouldn't exist the outrage that comes from men having sex with men in public places.

And, consequently, there would be much less activity, Kosofsky says: "It is precisely heterosexual and homophobic attitudes that cause both the 'problem' of public sex and how we interpret public sex."

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That's Gaydar, not radar.

During the stop, the Arizona senator said he could identify a Gay person through their observation of their "behavior and attitudes." McCain said that he served in the Navy with many Gay people, though none were open about it. In the store, reporters asked how he knew.

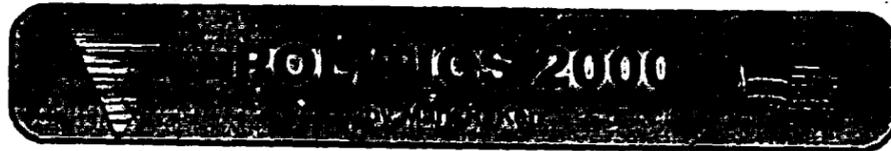
"Well, I think we know by behavior and by attitudes," he said. "I think it is clear to some of us when some people have that lifestyle. But I didn't pursue it, and I wouldn't pursue it, and I wouldn't pursue it today." He'll just talk about it to the "Potomac Press," since he's their flavor of the moment, but.

When a reporter called him on this, later during the stop, McCain backtracked ever so slightly.

"I said I had suspicions, and I think that, I was told that they were," he said. "But, look: That, to me, was something, and still is something, that is private. It's very different from a manifestation of that behavior in the line of duty."

David M. Smith, communications director for the Human Rights Campaign, said in an interview of McCain, "He is clearly stereotyping based on mannerisms. This is a form of prejudice and illustrates the struggle that Gay people face."

Kevin D. Ivers, public affairs director of the Log Cabin Republicans, took McCain's observation in stride: "If there's a Gay person anywhere who says they can't walk into a room and tell who some of the



## "They Said It"

Gay people are, they're lying." He added that these comments show that McCain "has been thinking about his entire life and when Gay people may have played a role in it. He has reached across and said he wants to understand Gay people, even though he doesn't always agree with them." ...

"Would I send such a piece of legislation to Congress if I thought the 1964 Civil Rights Act was going to be opened up?" former New Jersey Senator and Democratic presidential candidate, Bill Bradley, said during the last debate in Iowa before the caucuses.

In an ironic debate that focused on societal inequities, Vice President Al Gore and former New Jersey senator Bill Bradley jostled over Bradley's proposal to add Gay men and Lesbians as a protected group under the 1964 Civil Rights Act banning discrimination in public institutions.

Gore said it is "not wise to open up the '64 civil rights bill in the Republican Congress to a process that could lead to it being seriously damaged and even lost." Bradley responded by saying amending the Civil Rights Act is the only way society can seriously provide equal rights for Gays.

"Would I send such a piece of legislation to Congress if I thought the 1964 Civil Rights Act was going to be opened up?" Bradley asked. "Absolutely not. I would never do anything—anything—that could possibly undermine that act." ...

"Arizona Democrats who want to use home or office computers to cast ballots in the party's March presidential primary to must register by January 21 to meet state primary participation deadlines," were the opening lines in a story in the January 18 edition of the Tucson Citizen, by reporter C.T. Revere.

The story continues: "Voters who are not currently registered to vote online can do so by contacting their local county recorder," said Mark Fleisher, Arizona Democratic Party chairman. "Even if you miss the January 22 deadline, you can still take part in this historic election, by showing up in person on March 11 at a polling place, registering as a Democrat and voting online," he added.

Oh, really?

On the Pima County Recorder's, (who just happens to be a Democrat and up for reelection) web site, it states that people should call the Pima County Democratic Party. The Recorder's office will close at 5:00 P.M. on Friday, January 21.

It gets better. At the Arizona Democratic Party web site, [www.azdem.org](http://www.azdem.org), says otherwise:

"If you are currently not registered to vote as a Democrat, you have until January 22<sup>nd</sup> to register to vote if you wish to vote online from your home computer ... If you are already registered to vote as a Democrat, there is currently no need to sign up for online voting - The Arizona Demo-

cratic Party will be mailing out instructions the last week in February on how to cast your ballot online. If you are registered to vote as a Democrat, you are already eligible to vote online in the primary."

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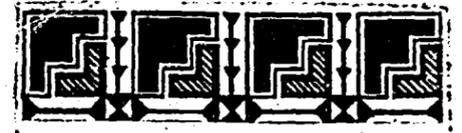
"Such hate crimes leave deep scars not just on the victims but on our larger community, for they take aim at others for who they are, and when they do they take aim at America," President Bill Clinton said during his weekly radio address about hate crimes and marking the birthday of civil rights leader, Martin Luther King Jr.

During the speech, Clinton renewed a commitment to add acts of hatred motivation by sexual orientation, gender and disability to current federal hate crimes statutes.

The president was committed, especially during budget negotiations recently. An amendment in the Commerce-State-Justice Appropriations bill, adding the above, had been approved by the Senate this Summer. The House version of the bill didn't include the amendment. A conference committee, under pressure by the Congressional Republican leadership, dropped the amendment.

President Clinton vetoed the bill, citing the removal of the amendment as one of the main reasons. When push came to shove though, Clinton didn't fight for the amendment. Commitment indeed! ...

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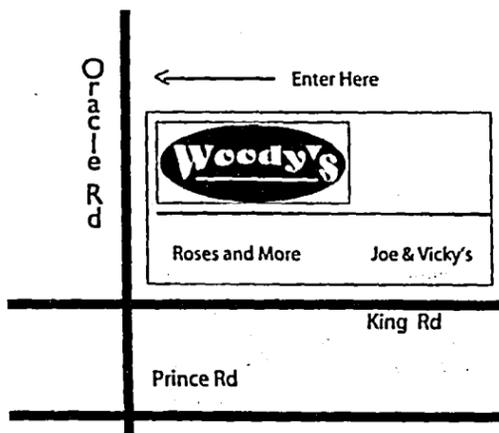
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## San Antonio Activists Fight Back Against Police Harassment in Parks

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the iceberg, according to Gay advocates, and it mirrors the manner in which law enforcement agencies treat male-to-male public sex. Whereas society is gradually lessening its scrutiny of Gays and Lesbians, Griffith says the long arm of the law remains an anachronism.

"These are the same officers who used to arrest us and ruin our lives for sitting on a barstool in a Gay bar, not 20 years ago," he says. "These are the exact same type of people with the exact same mentality."

This mentality is what turns good cops bad, says Kosofsky. Some officers believe they're being "culturally sensitive" by only issuing tickets, but he says the same officers won't issue tickets to straight couples, a clear example of discrimination.

And in most cases it goes far beyond ticketing - as in San Antonio where park rangers lure, initiate sexual conduct or discussion, arrest and jail men, says McGowan.

Assistant park director Ron Smudy denies charges that his rangers encourage the actual behavior they're trying to deter.

Still, Kosofsky, Griffith and McGowan all point to numerous counts where agencies practice entrapment, when an officer entices or encourages someone to break the law. The Triangle Foundation cited numerous accounts of entrapment in its scathing report detailing Michigan police misconduct, entrapment and crimes against Gays. The title for the 1999 report, "Bag a Fag," came directly from the "inside" slang term for the police's sting operation.

Kosofsky says the Triangle Foundation has discovered that most officers are undertrained, a point raised by McGowan about San Antonio's park rangers, who claimed to have over 600 hours of training. The city has yet to meet McGowan's request for those training records, he says.

And McGowan says he's still asking why San Antonio officials insist on paying for hundreds of man-hours for plain-clothes officers "hanging around the targeted area, pretending to be interested in homosexual contact, engaged in flirtation speech and behavior."

Kosofsky says it's because prosecutors believe that those arrested will plead guilty to avoid public humiliation at the hand of system. "A lot of these places do this for fund raising. If it wasn't making a lot of money, this wouldn't be happening," he adds.

The Triangle Foundation has also linked increased police activity to election years, noting that elected officials typically lead to more arrests, because prosecuting sex offenders is "very popular." Griffith agrees, even if juries typically don't care to see tax dollars spent on "officers standing in the public toilets," he said.

In addition to "even-numbered years," which have far more arrests of male public sex offenders, Kosofsky attributes some heightened publicity to the media.

### UNDER THE PRESS

Griffith, whose web site that lists popular cruising locales, was the target of countless news stories in 1998. The media used the presence of his site to exploit viewer's fears, says Wonbo Woo of the Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation.

Two years earlier, another even-numbered year, San Antonio's CBS-affiliate KENS-TV aired a special news series, entitled "Perverts in the Park." The broadcast included hidden-camera footage of an oral sex act in a public park bathroom with little digital concealment, and was "outrageously irresponsible," says Kosofsky.

Similar broadcasts were shown on Seattle and Manhattan television, according to Woo, who also commented on the irresponsibility of some print media.

The Columbus Dispatch, in Columbus, Ohio, recently published the names of men who'd been arrested for public sex, sparking a citywide debate. And likewise, media in Southwest Michigan ran stories of a Notre Dame professor days after he was arrested. Though police reports proved entrapment practices and he has yet to be convicted, Kosofsky says, "the guy lost his job as a doctor of 30 years, and he hasn't even been convicted."

More notable was a 1998 suicide that resulted directly from the Arkansas Democrat-Gazette's decision to publish the names and addresses of those arrested in a public sex raid. The suicide note left by the man to his partner of 31 years made clear his motivation: "My name and everything is in the paper this morning ... Goodbye. I love you."

The Gazette denied responsibility for the death, adding that publishing names is consistent with their editorial policy, which critics say had caused another suicide years earlier. Such displays of corporate homophobia can be devastating, says Woo.

"When it follows the sensational-tabloid-type format, it's a huge concern. It bates the fears of those who already have misconceptions about the Gay and Lesbian community," he adds. "It poses tremendous risks to members of our community, and it fuels prejudice and intolerance."

Some believe the act of printing names may deter public sex, Kosofsky says. "I don't think that the papers are printing the names with [deterrence] in mind," he says. "They might think, 'Oh, this might stop these people.' But that's not their main goal, which is to sell papers. Gay sex sells."

Woo, who says it's not the media's job to handle punishment, agrees with Kosofsky. "If someone commits suicide, I think sure, they're not going to have sex in the park again."

With rating sweeps month three weeks away, Woo says some sensationalized reports about Gay public sex may be released, but he says journalists should be responsible and objective.

### THE SOLUTION

While Kosofsky and Griffith differ on some points about public sex, both question the constitutionality of laws that allow police to target solely male behavior, such as some state's sodomy laws. Before police reform and media sensitivity can occur, state legislatures have to change the laws, they say. Then police agencies need to reconsider the enforcement programs and punishment for Gay public sex, Kosofsky says.

# Vermont Hearings On Marriage

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about the structure of the bill [marriage or domestic partnership] for the time being."

Little also told the committee, "Moral and religious arguments, while valid within a person's personal ideology, are not relevant to our job in the legislature."

Instead, he said, "We're going to focus to the extent of our ability on the underlying law, the "Baker" decision, and marriage and common laws in the state of Vermont. I would think that 2-1/2 weeks out we're going to make decisions. We're going to keep focused on the law until we get to that point."

So instead of the bombast Americans have grown accustomed to hearing in every legislature which has considered legal recognition of Gay and Lesbian couples — or its prohibition — this committee hearing was a lesson in law. Serving as textbooks were fat binders issued to each committee member, 24 pages of which were needed simply to list a summary of "statutes potentially affecting the rights and responsibilities of married persons." The rational approach of the committee served to thin out what was at first an overflow audience as the day wore on.

First to testify were Lesbian attorneys Susan Murray and Beth Robinson, Vermont natives in private practice who represented the two Lesbian couples and one Gay male couple seeking marriage licenses in the landmark "Baker" case. Their main theme, as Murray said, is that, "Really, this case is about people and this case is about families." And while they had a great deal to say about the law, their most passionate statements were about the symbolism of marriage, that as Murray said, "There's a message that [Gay and Lesbian couples] get that they're second-class citizens [if they cannot marry], that they're not worthy of participation in the very fundamental building block of our society that is the institution of marriage," and that as a result "there's an erosion of spirit." To illustrate, Murray asked the committee to imagine what would happen if everyone now married were instead declared domestic partners. "There would be an uproar.

Those husbands and wives would feel they'd lost something," she said.

Robinson added that, "The word [marriage] itself is something. Everybody knows what it means. It is a powerful term." She called on the analogy of interracial marriage, which much like same-gender marriage today was once prohibited by law in 30 states and prohibited in the constitutions of six. She said, "The reaction against interracial marriage was as visceral as the reaction against a man marrying a man or a woman marrying a woman is today." Yet when courts ruled the laws against interracial marriage to be illegal discrimination, Robinson noted, no one suggested creating a parallel relationship for them with equal benefits while continuing to deny them marriage.

They also expressed some urgency, knowing that many in the legislature have expressed a desire to move slowly or even not act at all. Murray said, "Every single day that the Legislature does not act is a denial of the common benefits and rights that our clients are entitled to and all Gay and Lesbian Vermonters are entitled to."

They detailed a number of concrete differences between marriage and domestic partnerships. As one important example, an employer providing spousal health benefits would be under no obligation to extend them to domestic partners. As another example, no other state would be under any obligation to recognize a Vermont domestic partnership as it would a marriage — and not all states have adopted "defense of marriage" laws to prohibit recognition of another state's legal same-gender marriages. (Robinson said she believes that those "defense of marriage" laws will ultimately be struck down, but no test case can be brought until a legal same-gender marriage is actually performed.)

Also testifying was Vermont Law School professor Peter Teachout, a specialist in constitutional law, who agreed with Murray and Robinson that only marriage offered "that gateway to other states" and "that bestowal of legitimacy." But he also testified to his belief that a separate domestic partnership option with the benefits of marriage can satisfy the state high court's requirements. He said the justices had certainly discussed it, since there was a 4-1 split on the remedy to the unanimously-agreed discrimination, as the majority left the choice up to the legislature, while Justice Denise Johnson's dissent demanded marriage licenses for the plaintiff Gay and Lesbian couples. Teachout said, "The core issue, I think, is going to be if you decide to go with domestic partnership, how do you justify that distinction? What is it you don't get if you have domestic partnership?"

Vermont's Chief Assistant Attorney General William Griffin commented that, "Probably Gay marriage would be the easiest to defend" before the state's high court. But he added that, "In a way, the partnership argument could be a transition, and next year or the next decade, [lawmakers] could take the next step."

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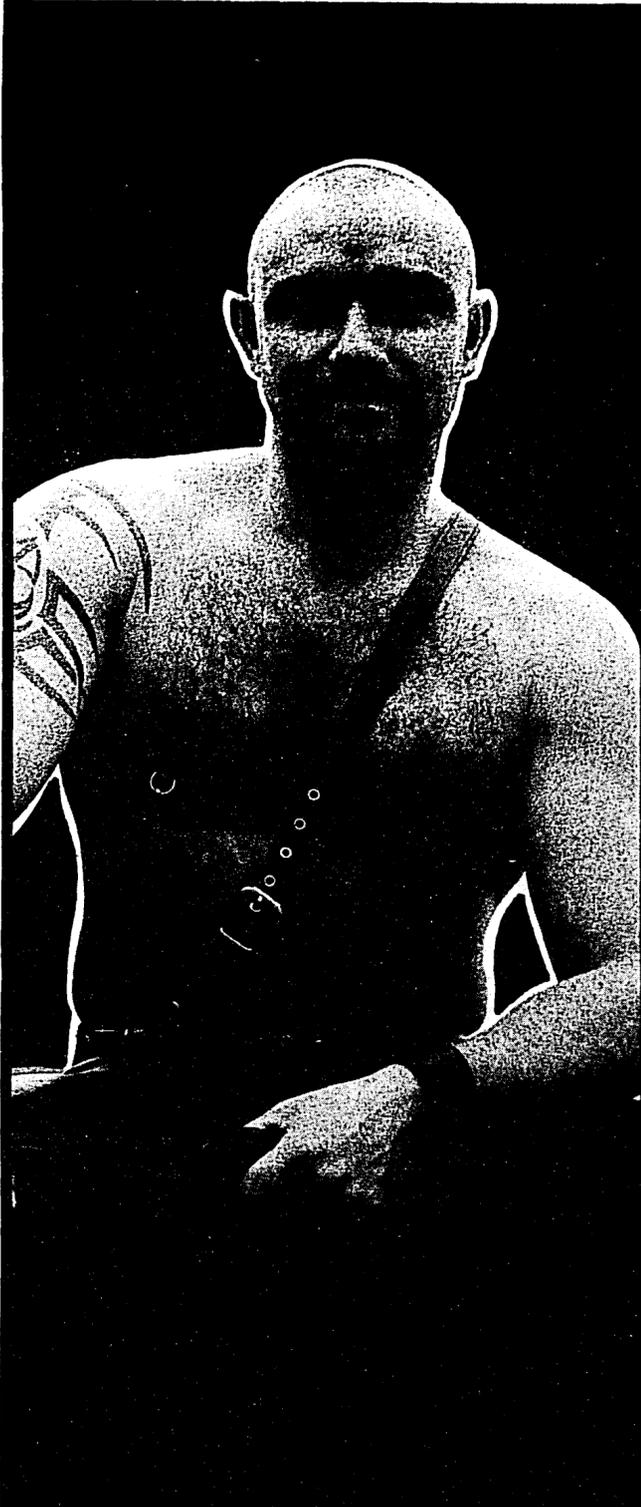
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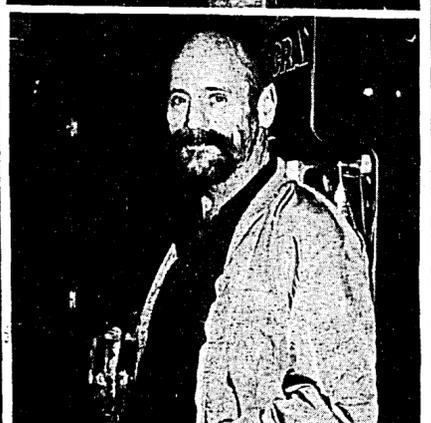
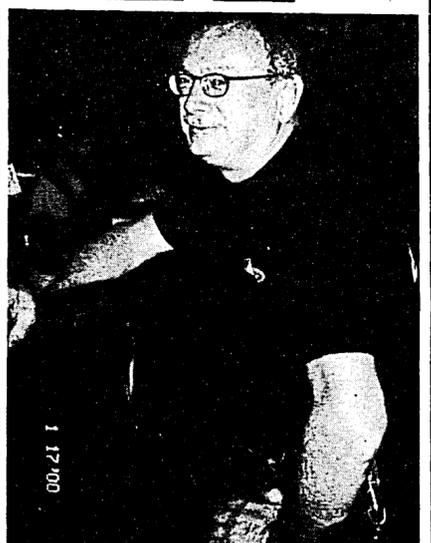
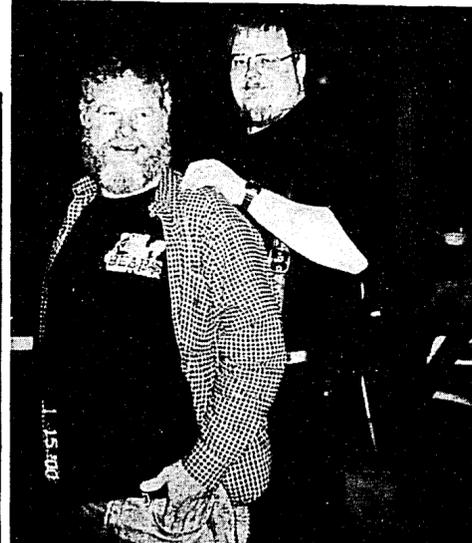
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## LIBRA

**SEPTEMBER 24 - OCTOBER 23**  
Friends can either contribute or detract from the fun when the pair of eclipses cast a shadow over group activities for the next two weeks. Queer Libras love being the center of the social circle but it may prove to be too much work and coordination now to get things on track. Stay on the sidelines if you can, cousin; I doubt whether the party will go on without you anyway.

## ARIES

**MARCH 21 - APRIL 20**  
Fun may have its pitfalls and moral lessons this week as the Leo eclipse shadows your every move. Rainbow Rams should be extra careful of trampling the feelings of friends during the eclipse-o-rama when their frolicking romps jackboot through others' territory and sensibilities. A summer romance may return for another round. Are you ready to climb into the ring, champ?

## SCORPIO

**OCTOBER 24 - NOVEMBER 22**  
Both the Leo and Aquarius eclipses may have you question recent career decisions, but don't let the planets change your course now. Strategic Gay Scorps are clever enough to know what is and is not right for them in the long term. If anything, these eclipses will demonstrate that not only are you making the right move, but it's about time you did so!

## TAURUS

**APRIL 21 - MAY 21**  
Family issues that never quite resolved this summer rear their ugly heads again during the winter eclipses. Proud Bulls have the emotional task of balancing their needs with those of others. Sometimes balance is unachievable and you're better off making the difficult decision to go it alone. Hopefully that is not the case here. Strive for balance but be prepared to be self-motivated.

## SAGITTARIUS

**NOVEMBER 23 - DECEMBER 22**  
If the words are not coming out just right or if you find yourself less able to get your point across, take a breathe and allow the two eclipses to pass quietly. Gay Archers love to travel but now you may find that travel is too much trouble and wrought with frustration. On the bright side, this transit may help to bring to resolution any outstanding legal issue. Rest your case!

## GEMINI

**MAY 22 - JUNE 21**  
Ever diplomatic Gay Twins may find themselves more like the blabber mouth Sag when the winter eclipses wax and wane. Arguments, er, I mean "discussions" that rocked the summer may pummel you during the next two weeks. When your back is against the wall, you have no other option than to talk your way through it. Speak Out; it will have global implications.

## CAPRICORN

**DECEMBER 23 - JANUARY 20**  
Can money buy happiness, affirmation and love? Queer Caps may think so but the two winter eclipses may prove them wrong. Before you splurge on nonsense, remember what happened during the past August eclipses. This time you may be able to see things in fuller perspective. There is a crazy rumor going around that the best things in life are free. Follow up on it.

## CANCER

**JUNE 22 - JULY 23**  
When your wallet took a hit this past summer, you swore that you wouldn't be taken for a wild spending fool ever again. Well hang onto your hard earned dough during the winter eclipse, proud Crab. The planets again tempt you to stave off feelings of inadequacy with loose money. Don't be swayed! It's time to find new solutions to old problems. It's cheaper in the long run.

## AQUARIUS

**JANUARY 21 - FEBRUARY 19**  
Aquarians may be more emotional than usual during the eclipses in Leo and in their own sign. What you thought was rock solid now may appear to shift in the sand. Great ideas in the planning stage may suddenly change course. The secret in all of this is to go with the flow and not try to force things along. Sometimes the path of least resistance leads to the greatest triumphs.

## LEO

**JULY 24 - AUGUST 23**  
The lunar eclipse in your own sign can cast an emotional pall on any new endeavor and veer you temporarily off track in a cloud of depression. Same old story as the past summer when the two eclipses bombarded you with obstacles of your own making. Gay Lions should resolve to not to react but to wait, wait, wait. Plan your course of action in two weeks when the fog dissipates.

## PISCES

**FEBRUARY 20 - MARCH 20**  
While many rainbow Fish are anxious to give something back to the community, the two winter eclipses may cause you to reassess the direction of your good Gay deeds. This is not a bad thing but don't let the emotional turmoil take you completely out of the charitable arena. See what brings you the greatest joy and take it one decibel up. Don't lower the volume.

## VIRGO

**AUGUST 24 - SEPTEMBER 23**  
If day to day work doesn't provide you with much satisfaction now, chalk it up to the emotional energy generated by the eclipses. Pink Virgos are looking for affirmation and a sense of contributing to a higher goal but maybe that's more than you should expect from just a job. Use this time to readjust your clock and reassess priorities. Put yourself on top of the short list.

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# A View From The Rock

A Commentary From Cornerstone Fellowship

Our Pastor has been preaching for the last few Sundays about "The Lordship of Jesus Christ." In essence, the giving over of our lives to Jesus and trying to live each and every day under his control rather than our own.

I can imagine that a statement such as that may seem odd or even oppressive to someone who does not have a "relationship" with Jesus. After all isn't this America, the land of the free? And are we not all taught to fend for ourselves, make our own decisions, be independent? Sure we are. But in so doing we can begin to think we can really take care of ourselves, and that we don't need God. That's right. We have it within us to actually feel as though we don't need God. Of course that is more true when things in our lives are going well. But when the bottom drops out of our lives, perhaps through a tragedy, we suddenly don't feel quite so able to handle the situation do we?

The Lordship of Jesus Christ, in my mind, is the second step of a Christian. The first step is to acknowledge that Jesus is the son of God, lived on this earth as a man, died as payment for your sins, and was resurrected and now lives in Heaven. That first step is actually the act of becoming a believer in Jesus Christ, becoming a Christian. This second step is for Christians. It encourages us to take a closer look at what we do and why we do it. And if we are truly honest with ourselves we will see that so much of what we say and do is entrenched with impure motives. Think of a time you did a good deed, grudgingly. Or a time you justified not helping someone

because of time restraints, yet were able to find time for an event you cared about. Sometimes even our well-intentioned actions are tainted with sin. That's where making Jesus our Lord comes into play. If we are conscientiously thinking about God and what he would have us do in each situation, than we would be more likely to do what pleases him and brings glory to his name.

Yes, its a tall order to fill but its also worth the effort. You see, I don't give up my freedoms by being subject to Jesus. Actually, I open the door to more freedom and a more complete freedom. It sounds contradictory but the reality that I have experienced in my own life is that when I do things in the manner Jesus would have me do them, I am filled with contentment, peace, and joy. When I do things my way without regard for what Jesus would have me do, those attributes are lacking. I liken it to a fitness program. When I stick to it I feel good physically because of the nutrition and exercise I am providing my body and I feel good mentally because I have stuck to a plan with my best interest at heart. Yet when I "cheat" or cut corners, I lose out both physically and mentally.

I can't cause you to want to make Jesus Christ Lord of your life. I can only say that he has been the best influence in my life ever, he has gotten me through seemingly impossible situations with strength and peace, and he has become my very dear friend. I pray that each one of you who reads this will ask Jesus into you life as your Savior and Lord.

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And McGowan and Griffith look to more simplistic solutions, such as uniformed patrols and signage as deterrence.

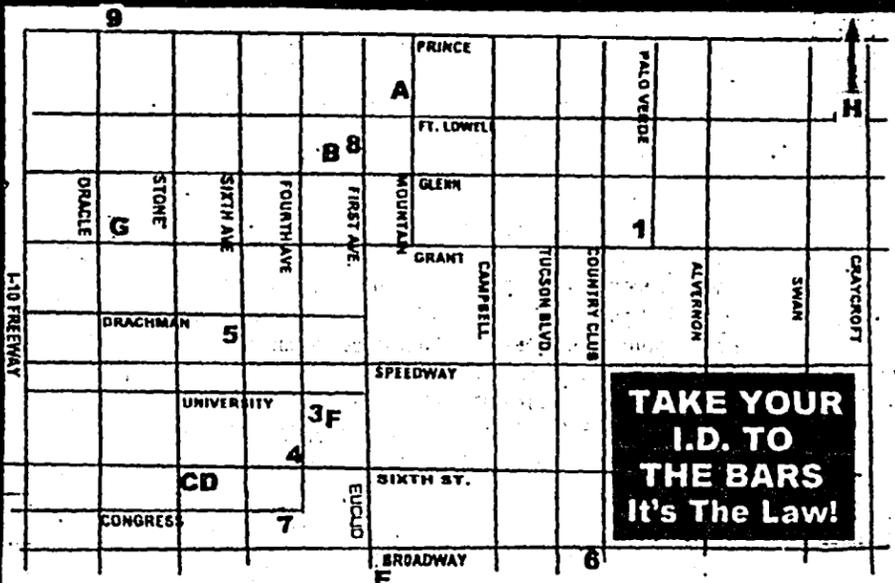
But overall, Kosofsky says he wonders just how big a problem this is. "If this problem were so prevalent, they should be able to send a uniformed officer through and find it," he says. "If they can't, then

the problem isn't that prevalent."

What is prevalent, says Griffith, is the abuse of Gays by the media and the selective enforcement of laws by police.

But what's different, in San Antonio at least, is that Gays are fighting back, Griffith says.

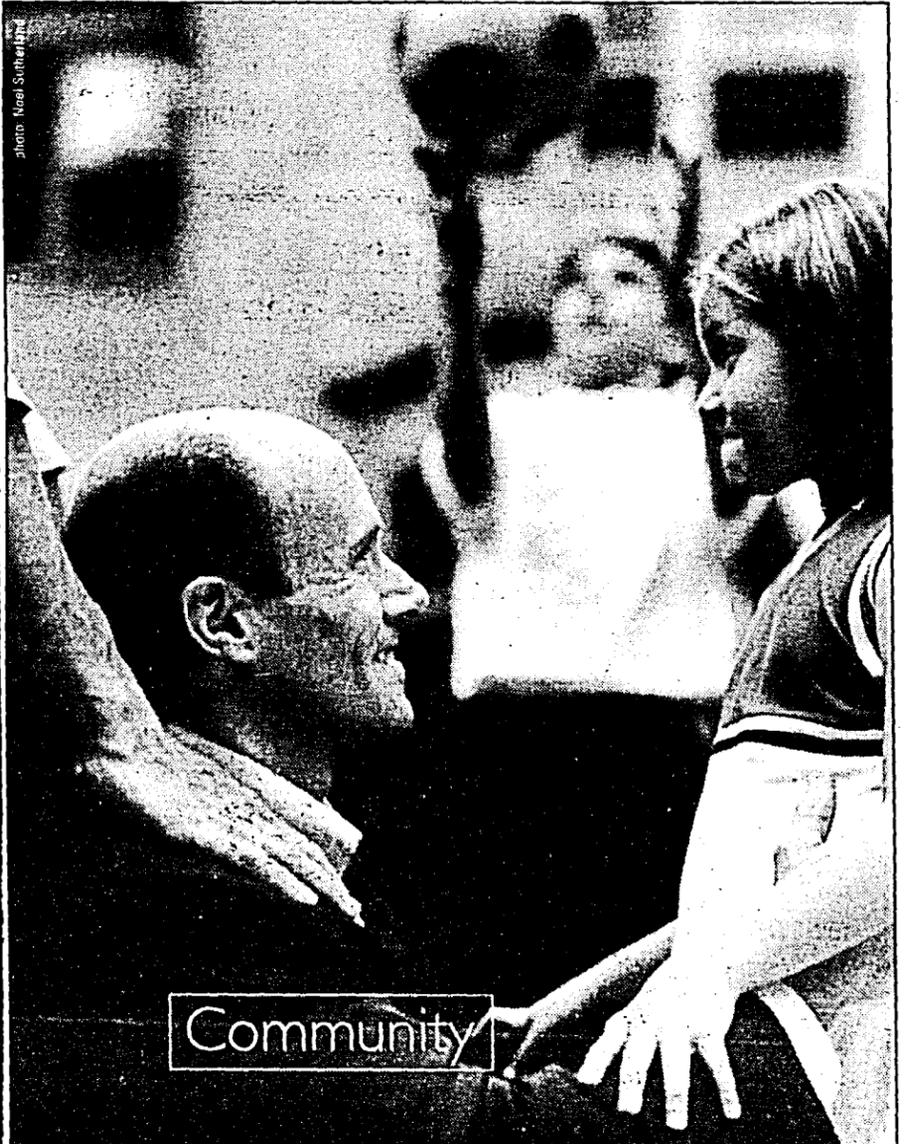
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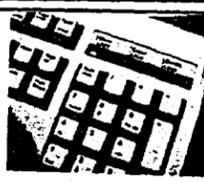
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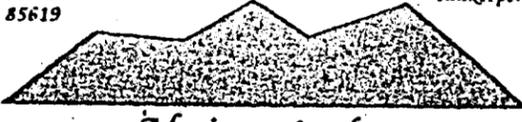
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This week, I conclude my A-Z herbal. First up is the herb Red Raspberry, which is a strong herb against nausea, and it helps with digestion. Women can benefit from it's helpful effects on the uterus. I have found it mostly in liquid form.

Red Root, an herb which I have used myself with good results, helps with tonsillitis, sore throat, and any lymph swelling, and helps with conditions of enlarged spleen or liver, and aids blood clotting. Red Root is recommended for those viral troubles and particularly against chronic fatigue syndrome.

Rhubarb is one of the ingredients of Essiac (it also includes Sheep Sorrel, Yellow Dock, and Slippery Elm, a strong healing compound), and is an appetite stimulant, and a tonic for indigestion and gas. If taken in large doses, it will act as a laxative and purgative, cleansing the colon.

Sarsaparilla, which is an ingredient in the old-fashioned soda of the same name, soothes mucous membranes, it is said to relieve gas, and is useful with rheumatism and is also good for the digestive system as a tonic. It has also been used for headaches.

Saw Palmetto is a diuretic, and a very good herb to enhance endurance. It is a men's herb, helping the prostate, and also with urethritis and kidney problems.

Shiitake Mushroom, long known to the Japanese, is a powerful immune system stimulant, and helps response to chronic infection. It is said to be excellent for debilitated states and with tumors. Use the freeze-dried form for full potency. It has been suggested for use against AIDS.

Skullcap is a good herb that acts as an antispasmodic, and it is good for nervous muscle activity, insomnia, and also, I have found it good to use when treating epilepsy. This herb is often combined with St Johns Wort, and I have found that it helps against epileptic seizures, (I take no standard drugs for my epilepsy, only herbs).

Slippery Elm is a soothing herb, used for indigestion and gas, it soothes the mucous membranes and is used for respiratory disease.

St Johns Wort helps with agitation and depression, and it is helpful to treat migratory pain, and is also found in an oil,

to be used topically on the body where shooting pains are present.

Usnea is an antibiotic, it is used in bacterial infections, especially for intestinal infections, and for colds and flu, as it is another herb with immune stimulating properties.

Valerian is a strong nervous system sedative, it is used against anxiety, irritability, and against insomnia due to excessive worry or depression, and brings mild pain relief.

White Willow is a natural aspirin, and is used against fever and headaches, and also helps with joint pain. White Willow and Meadowsweet, another herb, are high in salicylic acid, which is the natural basis of aspirin.

Yellow Dock is a blood cleanser, and helps against constipation. This herb is said to help with anemia.

Yerba Mansa helps drain the lymph glands, and it is used for mild colds, sore throats, and sinus infections, and is said to help with subacute colitis and cystitis. This one works a lot like Goldenseal, and can be used as a substitute for it.

Yerba Santa is an herbal expectorant and antispasmodic used for coughs, bronchitis, and asthma, it acts as an anti-fungal.

I conclude with the herb Yucca, derived from the Southwestern plant we find growing in the wilds here in Arizona. It is useful against arthritis and joint inflammation. This herb has said to be of benefit with prostate trouble also.

Hopefully, the information I have presented here will be of benefit, and that you have learned some of the healing benefits of herbs. The information was not intended to replace competent medical care, but to empower you with information to aid in self-healing. There is a great deal of literature on herbs, and many more healing herbs that I could not cover in my articles. Shop around, you will find that herbs are a wonderful natural resource for self-healing, and can help to enhance your well-being. Next week, on to something else. Goddess bless. Til then, go in good health.

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# Entertainment Briefs . . . . .

Hollywood is obviously taking note of the success of NBC's Will & Grace: Three new TV shows with Gay content are currently in development.

CBS leads the way, with plans to produce a pilot with Ellen DeGeneres as well as a small-screen version of the indie film hit Kiss Me, Guido, about an unlikely pair of roommates, one Gay and the other a straight, macho Italian.

Meanwhile, Warner Bros. Television, along with Friends star Jennifer Aniston, is developing a show based on Gary Goldstein's play Parental Discretion, about an outspoken father who moves in with his adult Gay son. Aniston will serve as executive producer, while her father, John Aniston (Days of Our Lives), is attached to star. . . .

The two teams playing in the Super Bowl will have two weeks to prepare, but that's not enough time for superstar Madonna to get her act together and take it

on the road, so she's canceled her planned half-time appearance at the game.

Says her manager, Carresse Norman: "After meeting with Madonna in London, we agreed that due to her recording schedule, there is simply not sufficient time to put all the elements in place that are required to deliver a performance on the level of Super Bowl excellence."

In a statement, Madonna added, "I am sorry that I will not be able to join all the great entertainers who will be performing on Super Bowl Sunday. My sincere apologies to the NFL, ABC-TV, as well as my fans. I look forward to the possibility of doing something with the NFL in the future." . . .

Was Janis Joplin's experience with Lesbianism a fling or a way of life? That depends on whom you believe.

Peggy Caserta, who appeared on a network television news magazine, claims

she and the rock star were lovers and that their drug-infused relationship was "free-flowing, young, [and] wild."

But Joplin's sister, Laura, says that while Janis was bisexual and friendly with

Caserta, the two never had a committed relationship but instead shared in a little "mutual experimentation." . . .

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# Around The USA. . . . .

The Dallas Morning News is drawing the ire of local activists for placing an anti Gay ad alongside a story debating same-sex marriages. While the article itself drew praise for its fairness, the accompanying ad, headlined "The Fight Against Same-Sex Marriage," has editors scrambling "To make a long story short, it should not have happened," says Stuart Wilk, managing editor of the Morning News. "The mistake was innocent. There was certainly no agenda that someone was trying to promote." . . .

Supporters of a ban on same-sex marriage say New Hampshire needs to explicitly ban the unions to preserve traditional marriages. Opponents of Gay unions told the House Children and Family Law

Committee that traditional marriage between a man and woman is recognized by God and must be protected. The committee is considering a bill by Rep. Gary Torressen, R-Center Harbor, that would ban recognition of Gay marriages performed in other states (namely, its neighbor to the north, Vermont). "It's important to pass this bill to let the country know New Hampshire supports marriage as it has always been for thousands of years, between one man and one woman," Torressen said. New Hampshire does not recognize same-sex couples, but the legislature rejected an attempt three years ago to ban Gay marriages outright. . . .

Police in Laguna Beach, Calif, have begun documenting reported verbal attacks, theorizing that people who spew such language may be more prone to commit hate crimes. "It is not too far-fetched to believe that people who are entertained by yelling profanity and hate-style comments at Gay or minority group members may also have a tendency toward more physical attacks," says police chief James Spreine, who made the policy change in November after a Los Angeles man complained that police turned him away when he tried to report anti Gay remarks directed at him. While collecting comments is not unconstitutional, the American Civil Liberties Union says it is concerned about the new policy. . . .

The Leon County, Fla., school board voted 4-1 this week to add the words sexual orientation to its nondiscrimination and sexual harassment policies. The new policy prohibits Gay teachers from being fired solely on the basis of their sexual orientation and protects students from harassment. "We are simply extending protection to those individuals who deserve it," says superintendent Bill Montford. . . .

While wavering Democrats in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, questioned Vice President Al Gore, he avoided a question from Karen Mass, a Transsexual jet systems designer, about protections for Transgendered men and women. Noncommittal, Gore said, "I'll have to learn more about it." Mass said she took his answer to be a "stepping away" from such issues. . . .

A bill to expand Colorado's hate-crimes law to include Gays and Lesbians has been introduced in the state legislature. Democratic representative Penfield Tate introduced the measure, the fourth consecutive year he has done so. Last year's bill died on a tie vote in the house. "We'll see what happens, but you never know in an election year," Tate told reporters.

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# CDC Reports Impact Of AIDS Cases Among Gay and Bisexual Men Of Color Greater Than Gay White Men

WASHINGTON, DC - A lack of adequate resources for prevention efforts and an unparalleled stigma about homosexuality among men of color who have sex with other men is responsible for the spread and increase of AIDS cases, according to a report released by the Center for Disease Control and Prevention.

The findings released in CDC's Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report also suggest that the stigma may be a component in the early age at which Gay and bisexual men become infected. This alarming report substantiates the already existing need to increase HIV/AIDS prevention efforts and outreach in communities of color, says the Human Rights Campaign.

In addition, this report demonstrates that communities of color have not received equitable levels of access to treatment and care due to a number of socio-economic factors. With limited or no access to care and treatment, Gay men of color develop AIDS much more rapidly and in higher numbers than members of other communities.

"The level of AIDS cases among Gay men continues to be unacceptable and the federal government must increase its focus on prevention and treatment efforts in communities of color," said Winnie Stachelberg, HRC's political director. "We are pleased that the CDC has studied this particular situation and the incredible impact it has in communities of color."

The CDC study, based on examinations of U.S. AIDS cases during this past decade, found that men of color account for an increasing number of AIDS cases among men who have sex with men, rising from 31 percent in 1989 to 52 percent in 1998. Among those, African-American men comprised one-third of AIDS cases, while Latino men represented 17 percent. White men comprised 48 percent of AIDS cases among men who have sex with men, a decline from 69 percent in 1989.

According to Helene Gayle, MD, director of CDC's National Center for HIV, STD and TB Prevention, the stigma of homosexuality in communities of color may prevent men of color from getting tested, learning prevention techniques or receiving

quality care treatment for HIV/AIDS.

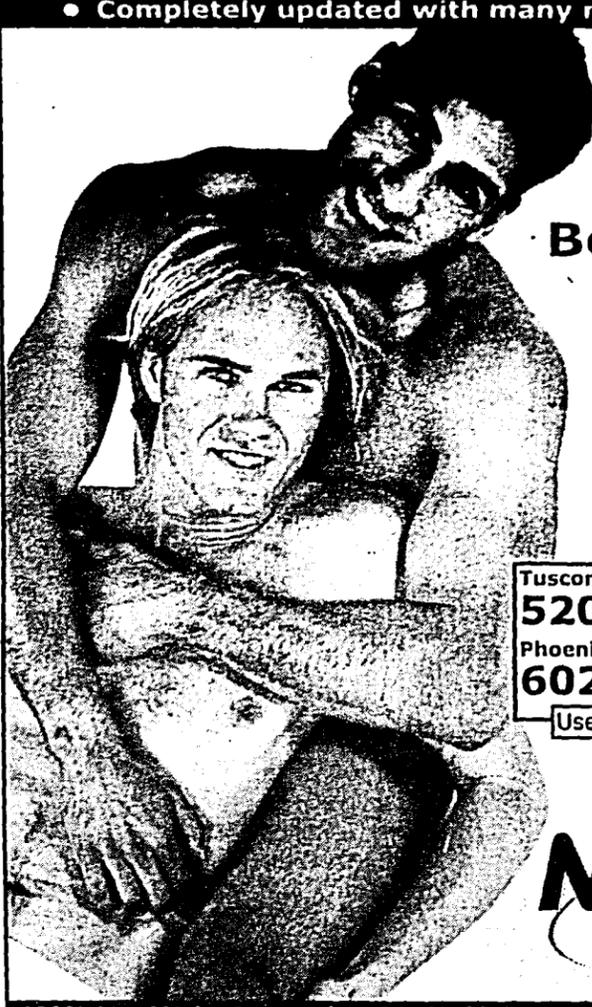
After a multi-site CDC survey of 8,780 HIV-positive men who have sex with men, the results showed that of those surveyed, 24 percent of African-American and 15 percent of Latino men identified themselves as being heterosexual, while white men who identified as being heterosexual were 6 percent. This scenario, which may lead to lower rates of HIV testing in this community, is part of a larger pattern of discrimination in society.

Even more alarming, the study also shows that among men who had sex with other men diagnosed with HIV between 1996-1998, 16 percent of African-American and 13 percent of Latinos were age 13-24, while white men comprised 9 percent.

In addition to expanding prevention programs for men of color, addressing the need for early testing, diagnosis, and treatment to reduce new infections and improve survival, the CDC must continue to work with leaders in communities of color and Congress. In 1999, the Congressional Black Caucus led the fight for an earmark of \$156 million for targeted AIDS prevention and other services in communities of color, while in the year 2000, funding for this initiative will increase to \$245.4 million.

"We're hopeful that this CDC report will serve as a wake-up call to the Administration and Congress to allocate and provide adequate resources to address this critical situation in upcoming budget deliberations," said Stachelberg. "We applaud the work that organizations that serve communities of color such as the National Latina/o Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender Organization (LLEGÓ), the National Minority AIDS Council (NMAC), the Congressional Black Caucus and the Congressional Hispanic Caucus have been doing to address this issue in their communities. We will continue to work to ensure that the CDC continues to work with these organizations to address in their prevention messages the stigma of homosexuality and HIV/AIDS in communities of color."

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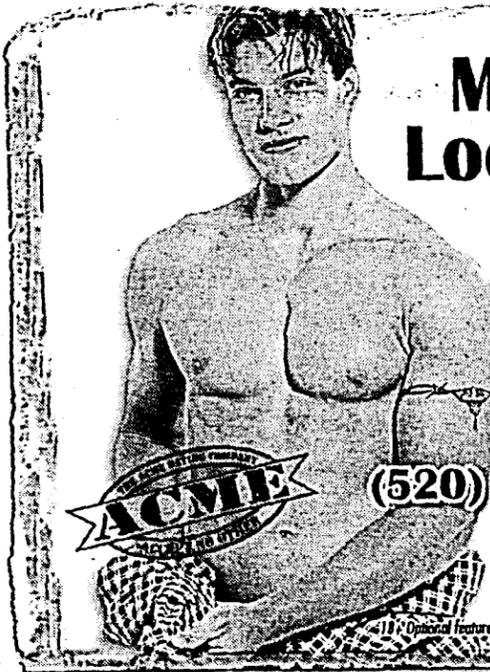
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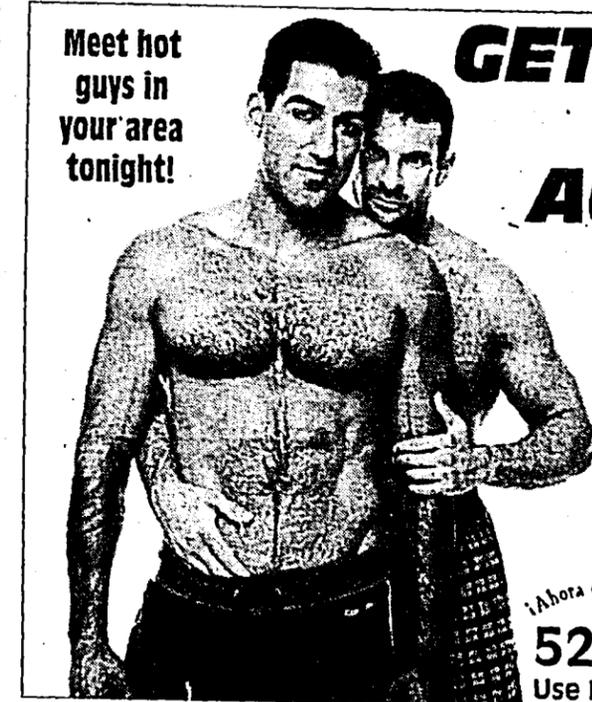
**Nobel Prize Winner Slams U.S.**

NEW YORK, NY (WS) - The humanitarian group Doctors Without Borders, recipient of this year's Nobel Peace Prize, has accused the United States of restricting developing nations' access to life-prolonging anti-AIDS drugs, saying the U.S. government is more interested in protecting big business.

"In general the U.S. government's attitude is that the most important thing in the world is the commercial and business interests of U.S. companies, and everything else comes second by a long way," group spokesman David Wilson said, adding that Doctors Without Borders must tell patients every day in Africa, Asia, and Latin America that treatment is too expensive to consider.

Wilson stated he is encouraged by President Clinton's pledge to the World Trade Organization that Washington will amend trade policy to allow greater worldwide access to crucial medicines.

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**Men's Social Network** (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Join us for our monthly Pizza Party held at Jerry & Les' 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 or Les at 690-9565. Please note: reservations should be made by Thursday, January 18 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, JANUARY 22

**Men's Social Network** (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Join Bill as he hosts Pinochle Night. If you're a fan of the game, this is the place to go. If you don't know how to play, but want to learn, we'll help you out. For reservations and directions, please call Bill at 297-3569.

## SUNDAY, JANUARY 23

**Men's Social Network** (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 4:30-6:30 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.

5:00 p.m. Tucson Prime Timers dinner & meeting at Mountain View Restaurant, 1220 E. Prince Rd. Call 584-0280 for details.

## MONDAY, JANUARY 24

1. **Men's Social Network** (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. A night is devoted to getting out the MSN newsletters. It's a fun way to help the organization and get to know the MSN guys. Dessert and door prizes are provided. For reservations and directions, please call Jerry at 690-9565.

2. **Men's Social Network** (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 8:00 p.m. Join us for the MSN presentation of "Retro TV"-three episodes of TV series prior to the 90s. Tonight we feature an episode of the classic Mary Tyler Moore Show and two episodes from two other shows of hers that didn't make it: "Mary" and "Annie McGivire". For reservations & directions, please call Les or Jerry at 690-9565.

## TUESDAY, JANUARY 25

**City of Tucson GLBT Commission, Social Services Subcommittee** will meet at 7:00 p.m. at Wingspan, 300 E 6th St. Interested person invited to attend this open meeting. Questions from the audience will follow the meeting.

**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 Terry at 577-3545.

## FRIDAY, JANUARY 28

**Men's Social Network** (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Join Bruce as he hosts Game Night. Whether it's card games or board games, you'll be able to find someone willing to have fun. For reservations and directions, please call Bruce at 743-3890.

## FRIDAY, JANUARY 29

**Men's Social Network** (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Join Les & Jerry as they host the first-ever Hearts Night. Join them for this fun and wicked card games where it's every man for himself! For reservations and directions, please call Jerry or Les at 690-9565.

## SUNDAY, JANUARY 30

**Men's Social Network** (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 4:30-6:30 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.

## MONDAY, JANUARY 31

**Ballroom dance classes** for members of the GLBT community and their friends are now being formed. Learn to swing, tango, waltz, cha-cha and fox trot. Couples and singles are welcome. Call Artie "The Dance Master" 795-3902 to register or for more information.

## SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 12

**Reveille Gay Men's Chorus** will present a concert "Reveille - From The Heart" in Bisbee Arizona, at Lowell Middle School Auditorium, 100 Old Douglas Road at 7:00 p.m.

**Queer Voice** is sponsoring 'National Freedom To Marry Day' today at 4:00 p.m. at the Main Library, 101 N. Stone Ave. (Downstairs). There will be talks from politicians and activists, a performance by Desert Voices Chorus, a commitment ceremony and reception. Queer Voice is a collaborative program of local agencies including SAAF and Wingspan.

**THURSDAY - SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 24-27**  
4 Day Youth Retreat sponsored by Queer Voice.

# Bar Calendar

Of Upcoming Events

## WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 19

**IBTS** - 9:00 P.M., The Girlie Show featuring Lucinda Holliday, Mr. Kenneth Blake, Tiffany St. Thomas and Faith Michaels.

## SUNDAY, JANUARY 23

**IBTS** - Proceeds from the Benefit Bar-B-Que and Beer Bust today will go to IBT's Arizona Angels Softball Team. 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. Come and enjoy. Karaoke on the patio also with Billy Dee 4:30 to 7:30. Then at 9:00 p.m. there's a special Benefit Show for Veronica Lake, contestant for Miss Ghay Tucson. The show will be hosted by Mr. Kenneth Blake and features Electra Bleu, Miss Kristin, Deora Le Blanc and Selena.

## WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 26

**IBTS** - 9:00 p.m. "The Girlie Show" with Lucinda Holliday, Ajia Simone and Tiffany St. Thomas.

## THURSDAY, JANUARY 27

**IBTS** - A return appearance by the hilarious Rudy De La Mor. Make your plans now and get here early for a good seat. The show will start at 8:00 p.m.

## SATURDAY, JANUARY 29

**IBTS** - Disk Jockey Tomy T from Trax in Phoenix will be special guest DJ here tonight. Hoi!

## SUNDAY, JANUARY 30

**IBTS** - It's Super Bowl Sunday and the boys are planning a great day for the big game. Also, a special "Send Woody To Camp" fundraiser too. Watch for details.

**STONEWALL** - Enjoy the Super Bowl on the giant screen + free buffet, special drink prices and prizes. Yea team!

## FRI. SAT. SUN. FEBRUARY 11-12-13

**Mr. Padlock Contest** in Phoenix, 998 E. Indian School. Deadline for entry is January 30. Winning contestant receives hotel and air fare to Chicago for the International Mr. Leather contest May 25-29. Call the Padlock, 1-602-266-5640 for entry details.

## MONDAY, FEBRUARY 14

**IBTS** - A big Valentine's Party is planned here. Watch for details.



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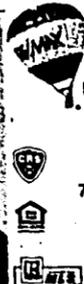
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# Daily Bar Calendar

## Sunday

**AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ** - Beer Bust 5-10, \$1.25 pitchers. Latin Music with DJ Hill 9-1. Shot specials all night.  
**IBT's** - Open 11am-1am. Happy Hour 11-4pm, \$2.00 domestic beer and well \$1.75 well & domestic beer 4-9pm. Benefit B-B-Q and Beer Bust for community organizations 4:30-7pm. 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** - Open Noon. Special drink prices Noon til 7pm. Karaoke with Billy Dee 5pm til close. Dance club opens at 8pm. DJ Marquis.

**VALENTINA'S** - Open 11am. \$1.25 Tomato Juice Cocktails, Boilemakers. Beer Bust, BBO and Drink Specials. Football on big screen.

**VENTURE-N** - Open 10am. Patio open 3pm. Patio Beer Bust 3-7pm 75¢ draft. 301 Dart Tournament 5pm \$3 entry fee (pot matched). Boss Burgers 5-7pm Hides Leather Goods opens at 4pm.

**WOODY'S** - Open Noon. Happy Hour 3-7pm. Volleyball Court is Open. Check in with bartender.

## Monday

**AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ** - Happy Hour Two-For-One 2-7. Free pool 2-4. \$1.50 Wells 8-midnight.

**IBT's** - Open 10am. Martini Monday all day all call martinis \$2.50. Happy Hour 10am-4pm, \$2.00 domestic beer and well \$1.75 well and domestic beer 4-9pm. 5pm to closing, \$1.50 / 32oz pitchers. Karaoke Billy Dee 7:00-9:30pm Retro 80's dance 9:30pm to closing. All drink specials not available during special events.

**STONEWALL** - Open Noon. Happy Hour Prices til 7pm.

**VALENTINA'S** - Open 11am. Happy Hour til 7: \$1.50 Well or Domestic. Football on big screen. Food & Drink Specials.

**VENTURE-N** - Open 6am. Dart Tournery 8pm, pot matched. Patio opens 5pm

**WOODY'S** - Open Noon. Happy Hour 3-7pm. Karaoke w/Billy Dee 5pm to close Volleyball Court is Open. See bartender.

## Tuesday

**AIN'T NOBODY'S BUSINESS** - Happy Hour Two-For-One 2-7pm. Pool journey 7:30pm. \$3 entry, pot matched. \$1 longnecks for pool players. Funky disco w/DJ Starskoe & DJ Butta Fly 9-1.

**IBT's** - Open 10am. Happy Hour 10am-4pm, \$2.00 domestic beer & well \$1.75 well & domestic beer 4-9pm. 9pm 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. House Hi-Nergy Dance 9pm to closing.

**STONEWALL** - Open Noon. Happy Hour Prices til 7pm.

**VALENTINA'S** - Open 11am. Happy Hour til 7: \$1.50 Well or Domestic.

**VENTURE-N** - Open 6am. Patio open 5pm. 1st Tuesday TKO Spaghetti Feed

**WOODY'S** - Open Noon. Happy Hour 3-7pm. Trivia Party 8pm-close. Top score on NTN per game wins special prizes. Skyy's the limit \$2.25

## Wednesday

**AIN'T NOBODY'S BUSINESS** - Happy Hour Two-For-One 2-7pm. Free Pool 2-4. \$1.50 Longnecks 8-midnight. Dance with DJ Stephanie 9-close.

**IBT's** - Open 10am to 1am. Happy Hour 10am to 4pm, \$2.00 domestic beer & well \$1.75 well & domestic beer 4-9pm. \$1.75 Bud Products 9pm to close. All drink specials not available during special events.

**STONEWALL** - Open Noon. Special drink prices noon til 7pm. Karaoke with Billy Dee 5pm til close. Dance club opens at 8pm. DJ Marquis.

**VALENTINA'S** - Open 11am, Happy Hour til 7pm: \$1.50 Well or Domestic. Free Pool 9pm-12:45am. Dance Mix.

**VENTURE-N** - Open 6am. Cuervo Gold \$2 and Cuervo 1800 \$2.25 Open to close. Patio opens at 5pm.

**WOODY'S** - Open Noon. Happy Hour 3-7pm. Volleyball on demand 7 days a week. See bartender.

## Thursday

**AIN'T NOBODY'S BUSINESS** - Happy Hour 2-7pm, 2for1 Free pool 2-4. Karaoke with Melissa 9pm to close. W/creamy cowgirls & \$2.50 Tequila Rose.

**IBT's** - Open 10am to 1am. Happy Hour 10am-4pm \$2.00 domestic beer and well \$1.75 Well & domestic 4-9. Underwear Nite. \$1.50 well and \$1.75 domestic beer to those in their underwear (pant check available). Hi energy dancing 9-close. All drink specials not available during special events.

**STONEWALL** - Open Noon. Happy Hour Prices til 7pm. Dance club opens at 8pm. DJ Marquis.

**VALENTINA'S** - Open 11am. Happy Hour til 7: \$1.50 Well or Domestic. Free Pool 9pm-12:45am. Dance Mix.

**VENTURE-N** - Open 6am. Patio open 5pm. Day prices for men in leather 7pm to close. Pool Tournament 7pm-ish, \$3 entry. Hides Leather shop opens at 8pm

**WOODY'S** - Open Noon. Happy Hour 3-7pm. Trivia Thursday 8pm-close. Top score on NTN per game wins special prizes. Volleyball Court is Open. See bartender.

## Friday

**AIN'T NOBODY'S BUSINESS** - Happy Hour Two-For-One 2-7. Free pool 2-4. Free food at 5:30pm. Dance music 9-1 w/ DJ Hill. Drink specials every 1/2 hour

**IBT's** - Open 10am. Happy Hour 10am-4pm \$2.00 domestic beer and well \$1.75 well & domestic beer 4-9. Live Jazz on the patio with the Susan & Tracey 5:30-8:30pm. Patio Bar 9-1. Dance Party 9 to 1. All drink specials not available during special events.

**STONEWALL** - Open Noon. Happy Hour Prices til 7pm. Dance club opens at 8pm. DJ Marquis.

**VALENTINA'S** - Open 11am. Happy Hour til 7: \$1.50 Well or Domestic. Variety Dance Mix.

**VENTURE-N** - Open 6am. Snacks served at 5pm. Patio open 5pm. Hides Leather Store opens 8pm.

**WOODY'S** - Open Noon. Happy Hour 3-7pm Martini Party - Well Martinis \$2, Call Martinis \$3 from 4pm to close. Volleyball Court is Open. See bartender.

## Saturday

**AIN'T NOBODY'S BUSINESS** - Open at 2pm. Drink specials all day. Pool Tournament 5:30pm \$3 entry. Pot matched. Dance music w/DJ Hill 9-close. Drink specials every half hour.

**IBT's** - Open 10am to 1am. Happy Hour 10am-4pm \$2.00 domestic beer and well \$1.75 well & domestic beer 4-9pm. Patio bar 9-1. Dance 9-1. All drink specials not available during special events.

**STONEWALL** - Open Noon. Happy Hour Prices til 7pm. Dance club opens at 8pm. DJ Marquis.

**VALENTINA'S** - Open 11am. Happy Hour til 7: \$1.50 Well or Domestic. Dance Shows. Dance.

**VENTURE-N** - Open 6am. Patio Bar open at 3pm. Patio Beer Bust with 50¢ drafts, \$1.50 pitchers. Hides Leather Store opens at 8pm. Cricket Dart Tournament 9pm

**WOODY'S** - Open Noon. Happy Hour 3-7pm. Volleyball Court is Open. See bartender.

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**NOTICES**

**WINGSPAN** - Tucson's Gay, Lesbian & Bisexual Community Center, 300 E. 6th St., offers support groups / info line / social events / library / meeting space. Volunteer Opportunities. Board meetings every 2nd Thursday (open to all), 6:00 p.m. Information 624-1779.

**SUPPORT GROUP: Gays, Lesbians and Bisexuals** meet weekly for open discussions in a loving, supportive atmosphere. Meetings Thursdays from 7:30 to 9:30 pm at St. Francis in the Foothills Church, Swan and River Road, Room 43. Call the church at Davey at 888-1208 or Brian at 882-4726 for information.

**HKE & BIKE DYKES.** Meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday at 7pm. Call 327-7239 for info.

**LESBIAN SOCIAL DISCUSSION GROUP.** Meetings 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday, 7 to 8:30 pm. Wingspan, 300 E. 6<sup>th</sup> St. Come Chat!

**CAMELBACK BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION (CBPA) OF PHOENIX.** For information and membership write: CBPA at P.O. Box 2097, Phoenix, AZ 85001.

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

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

**COCHISE COUNTY LESBIANS AND GAYS.** P.O. Box 818, Bisbee, AZ 85803 / (602)432-5591. Rap Group, Youth Group, Social and Political Events.

**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)327-1620 or write P.O. Box 43910, Tucson, AZ 85733-3910, or come to our general meetings the second Friday of every month. Location listed on our hotline.

**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 888-5541

**LESBIAN AND GAY AL-ANON** - Affected by someone's drinking? Meeting every Tuesday 8:45 to 9:45 p.m. at Lambda Center, 2940 E. Thomas, Phoenix. Elie 581-8850 or Ronn 988-2384.

**CHRISTIAN SCIENCE GROUP** - Outreach to Gay and Lesbian people in Arizona. Meets monthly. Write to P.O. Box 803, Phoenix, AZ 85001 or call Eddy Walters, (602)371-1102

**CRONIES SOCIAL GROUP.** A Social group for Gay men who enjoy the fellowship of their peers. Call Leo at 624-6768.

**T-SQUARES** Lesbian and Gay square dance club meets every Tuesday from 6:30-9:00 p.m. at Cornerstone Fellowship Social Hall, 2902 N. Geronimo (near 1st Ave. and Laguna). Open to All. Call Liz at 325-9466 or Ray at 749-6247.

**LIGHTNING LIGHTING** will provide lighting for AIDS and related benefits at no charge. For more info call Adrienne at 889-7298.

**GAY & LESBIAN SPIRITUALITY GROUP** of St. Phillips in the Hills Episcopal Church meets first and third Mondays. Call David, 323-7943 for more information.

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

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

Join the **LESBIAN & GAY PUBLIC AWARENESS PROJECT.** In Tucson write Awareness Project, 3681 N. Campbell Ave. #365, Tucson, AZ 85719.

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

**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 890-9585 for information and a newsletter. Check the Non-Bar Calendar in the Observer.

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

**COMMUNITY BUSINESS ASSOCIATION (CBA),** Tucson's Gay and Lesbian business networking group holds regular meetings the third Thursday of every month. Call Greg Holman 529-7542 for more info.

**TUCSON LESBIAN/GAY ALLIANCE (TLGA)** meets on the second Tuesday at Wingspan, 300 E. 6th Street at 7pm. For more information call 622-3200.

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**NOTICES**

**SOFTBALL** - For info on the Tucson Greater Softball Association T.G.S.A., please contact Mary 770-9979 or Bertie 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 judgement or proselytizing - we are here to be of service. For information call Scott at 299-6847.

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

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

**BISEXUAL INFORMATION/SUPPORT GROUP** for women and men. Meetings 1st & 3rd Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. at Wingspan, 300 E. 6th St. 624-1779.

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

**FRONT RUNNERS OF TUCSON** meet every Sunday morning and some weeknights for fun runs. For more information call Mitch at 328-3555 or e-mail mandmtuaz@worldnet.att.net

**P.F.L.A.G. - Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays** - is a support group available to anyone who has a son, daughter or friend who is Gay. Call 575-8660 or write P.O. Box 36284, Tucson, AZ 85740-6284. All replies confidential.

**ARE YOU GAY OR LESBIAN** and someone else's drinking is getting to you. Call information and Referral about Al-Anon 881-1794 in Tucson info about special groups for Gays and Lesbians.

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

The **TUCSON Chapter of PRIME TIMERS INTERNATIONAL** invites Gay or Bisexual men and their admirers to join and share Prime Timers fellowship. We welcome mature men (and admirers) who wish to become involved with planned and future Prime Timers activities. Meetings luncheons and dinners are held monthly. For dates, times and information call 684-0260, leave name 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 881-1794 - 8 am - 5 pm Mon. - Fri.

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

**GAY OR BISEXUAL MEN** in relationships with women. Need friends you can talk to? Weekly support group meets Wednesdays 6:30 - 8:00 pm. Licensed psychologist facilitator. Call 745-6977 in Tucson for more information. Strictly confidential.

**EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT GROUP FOR ALTERNATIVE LIFESTYLES.** Not a dating club. Discreet. Meetings every Monday evening. Call for more info. APEX (Arizona Power Exchange) 802-415-1123. 24-hr multi-choice message including information, calendar and location.

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

**TUCSON'S 100% CONSENSUAL, Pan-Fetish, Pan-Sexual, Informational Safe Space** for the B&D, S&M, D&S and TV community. Call us at (520)617-4661, or http://www.geocities.com/WestHollywood/Height/5086

**LOG CABIN REPUBLICANS OF SOUTHERN ARIZONA.** Local chapter of the nation's largest Gay and Lesbian Republican organization. Meets the first Tuesday evening of each month. For information, call Patrick at 815-1887.

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

**AAPSP - ARIZONA ASSOCIATION OF PUBLIC SAFETY PROFESSIONALS** - a confidential organization committed to providing support and networking for all Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual public safety professionals in Arizona. Membership open to Law Enforcement Officers, Firefighters, Probation, Parole and Corrections Officers and civilians working within these agencies. Website: AAPSP.org or e-mail: AAPSP@aol.com or call Dave (520)745-9059 (Tucson) or Kim (602)534-8219 (Phoenix)

**NOTICES**

**TUCSON INTERFAITH HIV/AIDS NETWORK (TIHAN),** a coalition of faith communities committed to a compassionate response to HIV/AIDS, provides HIV education in congregational settings, volunteer CareTeams to support HIV+ persons, a referral network of HIV-sensitive clergy, and interfaith services of healing and hope. For more information call 289-6847.

**LESBIAN/GAY/BI-SEXUAL OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS.** Saturdays noon-1pm new location Wingspan, 300 E. 6<sup>th</sup> St. Contacts 325-6878 or 327-4293.

**ANONYMOUS HIV COUNSELING AND TESTING** is available through the Pima County Health Department at sites throughout Tucson. Very Gay Friendly. For more information or to make an appointment call 791-7676.

**GRACE GROUP - CATHOLIC GAY/LESBIAN SUPPORT GROUP** meets every 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday at 7:30 p.m. in the Madonna Hall at Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Church, 1436 N. Campbell across from University Hospital. For more info. Call Eddie Betrano 888-4595.

**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 884-9920, Ext.448 or Emmett 322-6057 (eveiten@ix.netcom.com)

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

**OUTLOUD!** Tucson's premiere Local Lesbian and Gay Radio Show, broadcast every Wednesday at 8:03 pm on 91.3 FM, Community Radio KXCI. The show "This Way Out", a nationally syndicated Lesbian and Gay radio show is aired at 5:30 pm every Wednesday.

**THEATER / DINNER / ETC!** Non-Smoking Lesbian Network meets every 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday night of each month. If you'd like to meet women 35+ (flexible) and socialize in a smoke-free environment 888-9010 before 10:00 p.m. The group dines out and attends shows or movies. Now in their 16<sup>th</sup> year! (2<sup>nd</sup> in Tucson).

**SOUTHERN ARIZONA GENDER ALLIANCE (SAGA).** Meetings on the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday, 7pm. Desert Girlz (MTF) Meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday at 7pm. Dazart Boyz meets 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday at 7pm. of every month. All meetings take place at Wingspan, 300 E. 6<sup>th</sup> St. Call 624-1779 for more info. SAGAE-mail@aol.com http://members.aol.com/sageemail

**GLSEN - Gay, Lesbian and Straight Education Network** meets first Thursday of every month at 4:30pm at Wingspan, 300 E. 6<sup>th</sup> Street. 743-4900.

**GAY, LESBIAN & BISEXUAL VETERANS** meet at Wingspan every fourth Monday at 7:00 p.m. All are welcome. For more info call Miguel Guzman, 889-4076 or pager 448-5123.

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

**WOMEN'S OUT OF THE CLOSET GROUP.** Welcome to women in all stages of the coming-out process. We are here to support the Lesbians, Bisexuals and straight women of all races, religions and ages. Meeting times are the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of every month, 1:30 - 3:30pm at Wingspan at 300 E. 6<sup>th</sup> St. 624-1779. Call Wendy Bailey at 235-1893 after 5pm for more information.

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