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## Bush Faith-Based Plan Stumbles

WASHINGTON, DC (WP) - The Bush administration is backing off a controversial plan to channel federal funds to faith-based social service organizations owing to fierce opposition from an unexpected quarter - religious conservatives.

"We're postponing," Don Eberly, deputy director of the White House Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives, said. "We're not ready to send our own bill up."

The White House expected liberal and progressive groups to oppose the initiative and was preparing strategies to combat their objections. What it did not expect - much less plan for - was the resistance put forward by Christian Evangelicals who do not want non-Christian groups (The Church of Scientology, the Nation of Islam, etc.) receiving federal funds.

The likes of Pat Robertson, Jerry Falwell, Richard Land, Michael Horowitz, and even one of the program's early architects, Marvin Olasky, have expressed worries and objections to the structure of the program and have sent administration officials back to the drawing board on the plan.

Bush's faith-based initiative is actually a collection of smaller component programs The Post says are likely to be implemented quickly and quietly. Expanding the charitable tax deduction, for example, enjoys wide support in Congress and is not

limited to religious institutions.

But opposition to the core idea remains. Criticism from church-state separation groups say that tax money will be used to finance programs allowed to discriminate on the basis of religion in hiring practices. Critics say that giving taxpayer funds to promote a religious point of view strike at the very heart of the division between the state and religion.

Said one critic, "Freedom of religion wasn't designed just to protect religion from government, it was also designed to protect the government and its institutions from religion."

Progressive critics feel strengthened by the administration's stumble. The problems the plan's rollout has experienced has also emboldened Congressional Democrats who insist certain civil rights safeguards and anti-bias guarantees be attached to federal funding.

Democratic Rep. Robert Scott of Virginia said the proposal "creates new holes in our civil rights laws and would allow religious bigotry in hiring to be practiced with the use of federal funds."

Barry Lynn of Americans United for Separation of Church and State summed it up by saying, "This is a program that seems to be developing more and more problems the more you think about it," he said.

## TLGA, PFLAG Bring Up The Rear At St. Patrick's Day Parade



TUCSON - In the St. Patrick's Day Parade in downtown Tucson Saturday, March 17, the Tucson Lesbian/Gay Alliance (TLGA) and Parents and Friends of Lesbians And Gays (PFLAG) contingents were assigned the second to last and last position in this year's parade. TLGA is pictured above. The brouhaha continues! See story below.

By Mark R. Kerr

TUCSON (ON) - Many people were wearing or seeing green on St. Patrick's Day, Saturday, March 17, but members of the Tucson Lesbian & Gay Alliance (TLGA) and the local chapter of Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG) saw red at the annual Tucson St. Patrick's Day Parade, accusing parade organizers of homophobia after their contingent was positioned near the end of the march.

Only a display of street sweepers was behind TLGA and PFLAG. Both groups said they had to argue with organizers to get in front of the sweepers. "To make us go not only to the end of the line but behind the street sweepers was humiliating and demoralizing," said Dana Young, Vice President of TLGA.

Chad Froeschke, President of TLGA, said the groups approached parade organizers with their concerns, but were met with very negative, and homophobic responses. Young said that a Board member told her that not only did he think TLGA shouldn't be allowed in the parade but the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender (GLBT) community "shouldn't even be on the planet." TLGA had been invited to participate in the parade for the past four years, PFLAG for the past eight.

The Observer tried to contact Paul Diggins and Ann Haralambie, of the parade committee seeking comment. Mr. Diggins wouldn't speak with the paper, referring calls to Haralambie, referred by Diggins as the "committee's official spokesperson," a position questioned by another member of the parade committee, James Kehl. Haralambie didn't return calls as of press time, but was quoted as saying in the Arizona Daily Star, that the groups may have been intentionally placed at the back of the parade because of some inappropriate behavior that occurred in last year's parade.

"They may have been put there so their behavior could be monitored, but it is still not discrimination. Anyone with inappropriate behavior will either not be allowed to march the following year or they will be scrutinized," Haralambie told the Arizona Daily Star. "They were not being punished, and this has nothing to do with sexual orientation."

Froeschke disagreed with Haralambie, saying they were told that they were being placed behind the street sweepers as a punishment for the way participants were dressed at last year's event.

Paul Diggins, was quoted in the Arizona Daily Star, as saying that he recalled that during last year's parade, some people wearing leather and items such as whips, chains and spikes joined in the TLGA's and PFLAG's parade contingent. Haralambie told the Daily Star that at a meeting held last week, organizers expressed some concerns about the contingent based on last year's incident, receiving complaints that leather-clad people walked through a children's area at the St. Patrick's Day festival.

Young said the people Diggins and Haralambie are referring to were crowd members who joined the marchers, uninvited. Froeschke said the parade committee didn't notify TLGA of any problems until

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## Progress In AIDS Treatment Cheered By CDC

CHICAGO, IL - Researchers from the Centers for Disease Control announced that owing to new treatments, the median survival time for Americans diagnosed with AIDS has quadrupled to four years.

A study of the 394,705 Americans diagnosed with AIDS between 1984 and 1997 showed median survival times rose from 11 months to 46 months during the period.

Antiretroviral drugs were first introduced in the battle against AIDS in 1987, but it wasn't until the mid-1990s that scientists really started making headway in improving the lives of people battling the disease. By 1996, a drug cocktail of protease inhibitors and reverse transcriptase inhibitors no longer meant a diagnosis with AIDS was equivalent to a death sentence.

Since then, the number of Americans living with AIDS increased dramatically, a full 33 percent between 1996 and 1999. The CDC report noted this revolution in care and treatment poses new challenges

for health professionals.

"Increasing prevalence resulting from improved survival times implies that more infected persons will need HIV-related services for a longer time," said Lisa Lee of the HIV/AIDS Prevention-Surveillance division at the CDC.

"The longer need for treatment may make it more difficult for patients to adhere to complex treatment regimens. Enhanced prevention efforts to decrease subsequent transmission will be necessary to help sustain safer sex and needle sharing behaviors for a longer period," the report said.

Of the nearly 300,000 Americans diagnosed between 1993 and 1997, 80 percent were men, according to the study published in the Journal of the American Medical Association. Forty-two percent were black, 40 percent were white, 17 percent were Hispanic, and 1 percent were Asians or Pacific Islanders.

# UPDATE

## Festival For Life Seeking Volunteers

TUCSON - The Jerome Beillard Festival for Life is a beautiful holiday live and silent auction, featuring fine art, unique gifts, celebrity collectibles, designer holiday trees, memorials, wreaths and paper prayers. Last year, more than 500 people attended the Jerome Beillard Festival for Life, raising more than \$75,000 for the Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation (SAAF).

The search is on! SAAF needs volunteers to join them in building this year's Festival into another holiday smash. Volunteer to serve, meet new people, and learn new things. Each committee member is paired with another, so that you're not working alone. Staff from SAAF are available to support you and supply you with materials to do the job.

For more information, or to volunteer, call Tracy at SAAF, (520) 628-7223.

## TLGA Update

The Tucson Lesbian & Gay Alliance (TLGA) is excited to have been asked by Arizona Central Pride to pick a representative from the GLBT community in Tucson as our regional Grand Marshall in Phoenix's Pride Parade, April 21. TLGA is asking for community input regarding this prestigious title. If you or your organization would like to submit an individual for

consideration, please write a brief description about what makes this person your choice for Regional Grand Marshall and mail submissions to: TLGA, POB 40301, Tucson, AZ 85717. Deadline is Friday, March 16, ...

TLGA also announced the logo contest for OUToberFEST 2001, "OUT in the Desert." All entries must incorporate the following information. OUToberFEST 2001, "OUT in the Desert." TLGA or Tucson Lesbian & Gay Alliance, October 13th, 2001. Entries can be as many colors as the artist creates. Please keep in mind the artwork will be used for various items and the color poster. Mail entries to TLGA, POB 40301, Tucson, AZ 85717. Deadline is Friday, March 23. All artwork becomes the property of TLGA, and the winning entry receives \$100.

For more information, call the OUTline at (520) 622-3200.

## Desert Voices To Hold Auditions

TUCSON - Desert Voices, Arizona's premiere Lesbian and gay chorus, announces auditions for their upcoming Gay pride concert Now & Then, on June 14.

Auditions will take place at the Armory Park Senior Center, on Fifth Avenue south of Broadway, for potential new singers. Auditions will be held Monday, March 27, 2001 and Monday, April 3, 2001 from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Please call Keith Koster, Artistic Director, at (520) 791-9662 to reserve your audition time.

## TIHAN Update

The Tucson Interfaith HIV/AIDS Network (TIHAN) provides orientation and training for volunteers interested in supporting people living with HIV and AIDS. There are many opportunities to serve and you don't have to be an expert!

Come hear about TIHAN and volunteer opportunities at a 90-minute orientation sessions to be held at St. Cyril Catholic Church, 4725 East Pima Road, on Tuesday, March 27 at 7:00 p.m. Then, you can sign up to attend our one-day volunteer training session on Saturday, March 31, from 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. at St. Francis United Methodist Church (corner of Swan and River Roads).

Areas for which volunteers are needed include everything from office help, assistance with Poz Café, working on a CareTeam, working on fundraising events, HIV education and awareness projects, and more. For more information, contact the TIHAN office at (520) 299-6647 or E-mail: Interfaith@tihan.org, ...

The Poz Social, a new weekly program of the Tucson Interfaith HIV/AIDS Network (TIHAN), takes place every Thursday. The schedule of events for the next three weeks are as follows:

March 22: movie "Nurse Betty", art project "Beginning Origami." March 29: movie "Charlie's Angels", art project "Sculpture." April 7: movie "The Legend of Bagger Vance", art project "Designing Your Own Greeting Cards." All the supplies are provided, along with snacks and beverages. A variety of games are also available for play, or just hang out and chat.

Poz Social is a new informal drop-in social event for HIV+ persons, and is an expansion of the highly popular Poz Cafe program. It takes place at St. Francis in the Foothills United Methodist Church, 4625 East River Road, corner of Swan and River Roads in Tucson.

No reservations are needed—just drop in whenever you can between 1:00 - 4:00pm. Also, there has been a change in policy for the social: HIV+ persons can now invite one guest of their choice (partner, friend, family, volunteer, etc) to join them. All guests must be respectful of confidentiality concerns participants have. For more information, call TIHAN at (520) 299-6647.

## AVIV Update

PHOENIX - AVIV the Jewish GLBT Chavurah is having their monthly Shabbat services on Friday evening, April 6, 7:30 p.m.. Come and celebrate Shabbat with friends. Experience the opportunity to refocus and rejuvenate. As always, your partners and friends are invited to attend. Don't forget the great Oneg following Services!

AVIV the Jewish GLBT Chavurah is having their 7th Annual Passover Seder on Sunday evening, April 8, 6:00 p.m. Come and experience an evening of home-made chicken soup and matzah balls, baked chicken, matzah and potato kugels, lots of yummy great desserts, laughter, camaraderie, retelling the story of Passover, and an evening of fun with friends and family. Fine China and Stemware will grace our tables, along with dinner by candlelight. As always, your partners and friends are invited to attend.

Reservations are required, and your check is your confirmation. The deadline for Reservations is APRIL 1. The fee schedule for the Seder is: Members \$25.00, Guests \$35.00, Children 5-13 \$15.00 and Children under five are free. For location information or to make your reservations, call the INFO-Line at (602) 952-1612.

## Do The Right Thing Don't Spend Your G/L Dollars Here!

Although Paramount repeatedly stated that the show would return from its production "hiatus" after 2-3 weeks, "Dr. Laura" has now entered its sixth week of non-production, resulting in more repeats of the waste of videotape. Even with the cancellation buzz flying and until Paramount announces otherwise, in Tucson, where Laura Schlessinger's bigotry and hatred still spews at 3:00 p.m., a total of 123 businesses have stopped advertising on the "Dr." Laura television program.

Call the list of businesses who have ads run during the past week, and tell them to pull their ads from the program or you will spend your dollars elsewhere, at their competition! If the businesses state they have ROS ads, and have no control on when the run, remind them that the Tucson Sidewinders had ROS ads that ran, and they got them pulled.

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# Ban On AIDS Drug Ads Proposed In San Francisco

SAN FRANCISCO, CA (GFN) - They are young. They are sexy. They are strong and healthy. And they are taking AIDS drugs. What is wrong with this picture?

Plenty, according to a band of AIDS activists, the San Francisco Department of Public Health and Board of Supervisors President Tom Ammiano.

In a new twist on the ever-controversial topic of costly AIDS medications, Ammiano has called for a public hearing next Thursday to consider a ban on AIDS drug advertisements in city bus shelters that carry too positive a message about being HIV positive.

Ammiano and others said the ads were helping to spread the epidemic.

"It is very pernicious," he said. "It leads people to think they can have unsafe sex, pop a pill and be fine. This has been a matter of deep concern for several years now."

Ammiano expects to have drug company executives testify at a hearing of the city's Public Health and Environment Committee on March 22. "We would like to talk to the pharmacy companies about changing their strategies," he said.

The city can set its own standards for advertisements on buses, bus stop shelters and inside Muni stations - and has used that authority to ban tobacco ads before the tobacco industry stopped outdoor ads altogether.

At a minimum, Ammiano sug-

gested, AIDS drug ads should contain HIV prevention messages along with the information about the pills.

The concern is driven by reports from San Francisco and Los Angeles of a marked increase in unprotected sex and evidence of a rise in the number of newly infected individuals. Last year, San Francisco raised its estimate of annual HIV infections to 800 from the 500 estimated in 1997. The city projected that, within that group, HIV infections among Gay men had doubled.

Among the allegedly misleading ads, critics said one of the biggest offenders is Merck & Co's upbeat advertisements for Crivivan, a drug known as a protease inhibitor that can cost \$6,000 a year but has extended the lives of thousands of AIDS patients who take it in combination with other antiviral drugs.

The ad with the headline "Going the Distance" features four healthy hikers on a rocky mountaintop, gazing into space, a rugged outdoor scene fit for a sports equipment ad.

That is a phony and distorted image of what it is like to have AIDS, said Jeff Getty, who has fought the disease for years and is organizing opposition to the ads through the group Survive AIDS.

"On these drugs, you don't feel like climbing a mountain," Getty said. "They don't show people on toilets, with IV's in their arms, which is what it is like."

Aside from finding the ads mis-

leading and offensive, Getty said they were helping to spread the epidemic.

"They are saturating the neighborhoods with these ads," he said. "We think they are leading to unsafe sex."

When Getty's group approached the Food and Drug Administration to complain about the advertisements, they were told they needed data to back up their concerns. In February, the San Francisco Department of Public Health undertook a survey and disclosed preliminary results Wednesday that suggested the ads might be causing people to minimize the risk of HIV infection.

"The survey bore out our suspicions," said Dr. Jeffrey Klausner, director of sexually transmitted disease prevention. Of 262 Gay and non-Gay men surveyed so far - the city hopes to interview 1,000 before the study is complete - 62 percent believed that the ads "affect a person's decision to have unprotected sex."

Among Gay men interviewed thus far, those who reported seeing the advertisements on a regular basis were more likely to perceive that the drugs made HIV infection a less serious disease and were more likely to engage in unprotected sex with an HIV-positive partner than those who seldom noticed the ads, the survey found.

Klausner acknowledged that the data were not definitive and did not yet prove the link between the ads and rising rates of unprotected sex. Nonetheless, Klausner said, he has seen enough.

"Because these preliminary data were so compelling, I thought it necessary to bring it to public attention," Klausner said. "They are using sex to sell drugs for a sexually transmitted infection. That is a mixed message. That is like selling using Big Macs to sell drugs that lower your cholesterol."

Advertisements like Merck's that show healthy hikers are at odds with the side effects of the drug, which can cause diarrhea and disfiguring deposits of body fat.

New treatment guidelines issued last month by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommend that patients delay the use of antiviral drug combinations until their counts of infection-fighting blood cells reached low levels - essentially, when they become not just infected with HIV but sick with AIDS.

"It is not accurate that these medications can take people with life-threatening, chronic, immunosuppressant disease and turn them into mountain climbers," Klausner said.

Laura Bradbard, a spokeswoman for the Food and Drug Administration, said the agency regularly reviewed advertising of prescription drugs and would act to change those ads if they were found in violation of the law. However, she declined to specify any actions under consideration for HIV drugs.

Merck did not respond to a request for comment.

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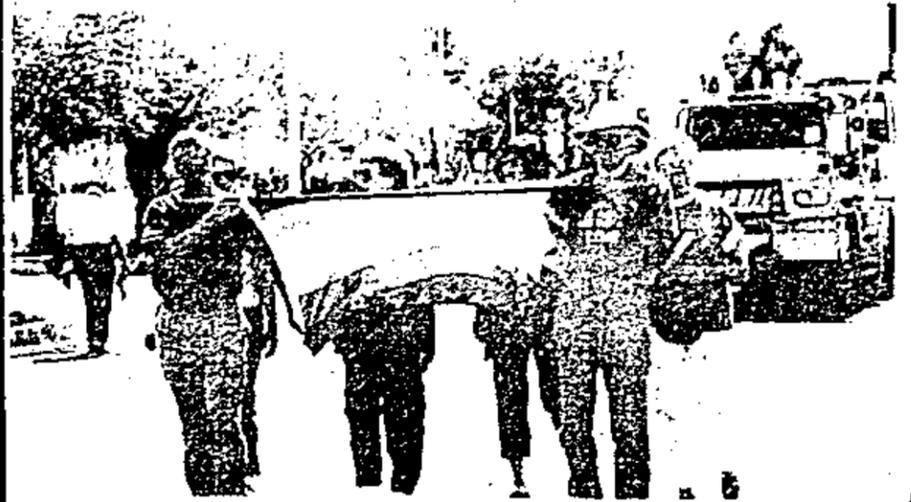
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# TLGA, PFLAG Bring Up The Rear

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TUCSON - Pictured above are the representatives of Parents and Friends of Lesbians And Gays (PFLAG) marching in last place behind the TLGA contingent. The Tucson Department of Sanitation street sweepers are shown above literally on PFLAG's heels. It is alleged that the Parade organizers wanted the two groups to march behind the sweepers as punishment for some "inappropriate behavior" in last year's Parade. See related story.

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 the group called the organizers on another matter, three weeks before the event. He added that the issue "was addressed as a slight concern, by James Kehl, and there was no mention made about their placement in the parade."

In an interview with the Observer, James Kehl, President of the St. Patrick's Day Parade of Tucson, said it wasn't a big concern, and that Young had assured them about the contingent being in appropriate attire. He added that "he had been approached by TLGA and PFLAG shortly before the parade comment about their

situation, and said they should be placed where they wanted to be." According to Froeschke, Diggins said Kehl didn't have the authority to do so.

Kehl said that he believes that "the parade organizers had discriminated against the groups and what was done wasn't right and that they should go through the appropriate channels with the city and file a complaint, adding that he would speak on behalf of TLGA and PFLAG, if they decided to take such action." Both Young and Froeschke said action of some sort is a strong possibility.

Kehl said he was appalled by the parade committee's actions and behavior, offering an apology on behalf of the Irish community, and isn't sure whether he will continue with the organization, citing additional problems with the parade committee, for which he said has led to a decline in membership.

Froeschke and Young said they have spoken with the City of Tucson GLBT Commission about the incident, and the Commission will be taking up the issue. Amelia Craig Cramer, Co-Chair of the Commission, said the Arizona Civil Liberties Union is also looking into the matter, exploring possible legal claims.

## AIDS Drug Ads

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Stephanie Brooks, a spokeswoman for Bristol-Myers Squibb Co., said she believed that the criticism was misplaced.

"I think they are misconstruing the ads," she said. All ads are reviewed by focus groups before they are made public and the concerns raised in San Francisco just didn't turn up, she said. "The ads show people living with HIV and taking responsibility for their treatment," she said.

One Bristol-Myers Squibb ad for the drug Zerit, or d4T, features a smiling, handsome African American man declaring that it works for his friends, so it should work for him: "I'm positive."

Brooks said she did not see a problem with the portrayal. "He is a nice-looking man," she said. At the same time, Brooks said that all the drug company's ads were continually being reviewed.

"Companies always look back at their ads to make sure the message is coming across," she said.



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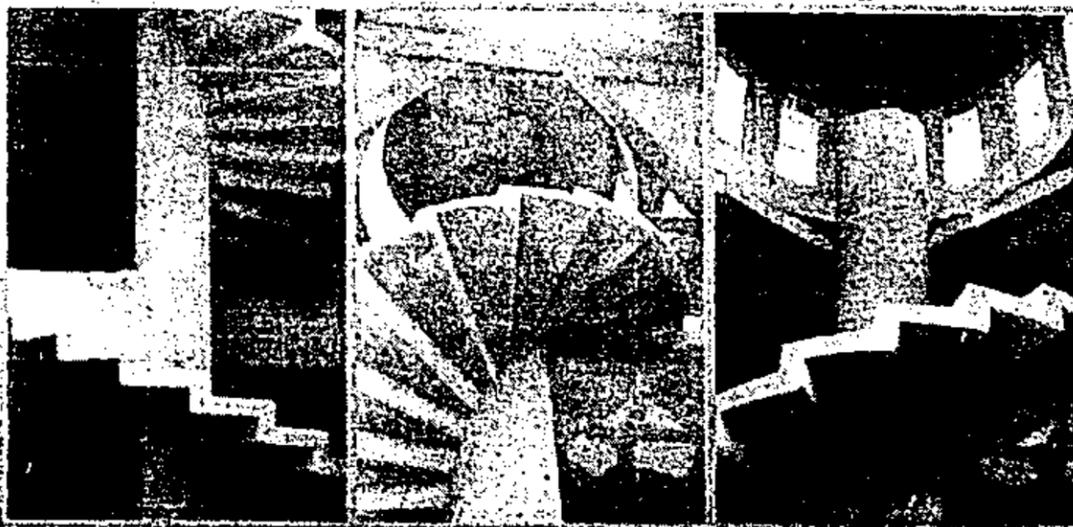
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**Arizona Legislation Moves On**

Two bills before the Arizona Legislature, dealing with archaic laws and discrimination in employment based on sexual orientation or gender identity have moved another step further in the legislative process, although one of the measures was watered down significantly in committee.

Arizona's House of Representatives gave initial approval to a bill in Committee of the Whole, Wednesday, March 14, which would repeal Arizona's archaic sex laws.

HB 2016 was the latest attempt to repeal the laws on the books that make non-familial cohabitation and "crimes against nature," which includes sodomy, oral sex and nonprocreational acts between consenting adults illegal. These laws have been on the books since 1901, but have rarely been enforced in recent decades.

Sponsored by openly Gay Representative Steve May, R-Paradise Valley, HB 2016 would repeal the archaic laws and amend the definition of "dependent" under the state tax codes. Arizona is one of twelve states with such laws preventing unmarried heterosexual and same-sex couples from claiming a dependent on their income tax forms. If Arizona's archaic laws are repealed, these couples could save between 25 and 30 percent on their taxes. HB 2016, amended with the archaic laws repeal at the Equity Tax Act of 2001, was approved by the House Ways and Means Committee, Tuesday, March 6, bypassing House Rules Committee through a discharge petition and sent to the House Committee of the Whole, who took up the bill Wednesday, March 14, in a sometimes heated debate, lasting more than an hour.

Representative May said the state

should not be regulating what consenting married and unmarried couples do in their own bedrooms. Representative Randy Graf, R-Green Valley, said the laws should remain because they would impose immorality on society by condoning these acts, and proceeded to offer a floor amendment to HB 2016, taking out the language repealing Arizona's archaic laws. Graf's amendment was defeated by a 31-19 vote, afterward, debate proceeded on May's bill.

"We are going to impose immorality on society by making sodomy illegal," state Representative Laura Knaperek, R-Tempe, said. "The Legislature needs to take a moral stand, because we owe it to our children," state Representative Russell Pearce, R-Mesa, said. "The state needs to protect the sanctity of a marriage between man and a woman," state Representative Dean Cooley, R-Mesa, said. "We will be sending a terrible message," state Representative Karen Johnson, R-Mesa stated if the archaic laws were repealed. Other conservative legislators argued that repeal would promote bestiality and polygamy, but when asked though by proponents of HB 2016, such as May and state Representatives Kathi Foster, D-Phoenix, and Christine Weason, D-Phoenix, on what acts are banned, the definitions of these acts they could not answer, or refused to answer, claiming embarrassment. Proponents of repeal also forced conservatives to admit publicly that these laws aren't enforced.

The House Committee of the Whole voted 31-22 to approve HB 2016. HB 2016 was third read by the full Arizona House of Representatives, Tuesday, March 20, and by a 31-24 vote, gave final approval to HB 2016.

"This is the first time we have had a vote on the archaic laws alone," state Representative Steve May said. "In the past we have voted on amendments to other bills. I think this is an historic day for Arizona. Now our fight for equity moves to the Arizona Senate."

"I'm quite honestly relieved it is truly a new day in the capitol. We have done an excellent service to the citizens of Arizona by insuring there freedom and to limit government to be less obtrusive," said openly Gay state Representative Ed Poelstra, R-Tucson, about the vote.

Gay state Representative Ken Chevront, D-Phoenix, commented, "Arizona is one step closer to entering the 21st century when it comes to Gay and Lesbian rights. A majority of legislators in the Arizona House of Representatives voted to eliminate our archaic law statutes. We have confidence that the Senate will follow the House's action and pass the bill on to the Governor."

HB 2016 goes now to the Arizona Senate for consideration. Senator Ed Cirillo, R-Sun City West, who sponsored the repeal legislation last year, said he believes

he can marshal the necessary 16 votes to send it to the Governor Jane Hull.

SB 1225, the Arizona Employment Non Discrimination Act, which would prohibit discrimination in employment because of "sexual orientation" and "gender identity" was considered by the Senate Committee of the Whole, Monday, March 19. "Forty years ago we had the same argument about civil rights," said Sen. Elaine Richardson, D-Tucson, who is the bill's sponsor. "This is just discrimination of a different color."

SB 1225 was amended so that only public state agencies with 15 employees or more are required to comply, private businesses, churches and non-profit entities would be exempt. Current state law does not prevent an employer from firing employees based on sexual orientation although many of the state's largest companies have policies against the practice. Richardson's bill was also amended to qualify "gender identity" as a protected class, but with the amendments approved, employers may insist that employees are consistent in their gender-specific attire and a dress code may also be prescribed.

Opponents tried to kill the bill by expanding the protection to all businesses, Indian reservations and non-profit organizations. "If we'll let the dog bite one guy, we should let the dog bite everyone," said state Senator Rusty Bowers, R-Mesa.

The amended version of SB 1225 was approved, 14-12, and will return to the Senate for a final vote this week.



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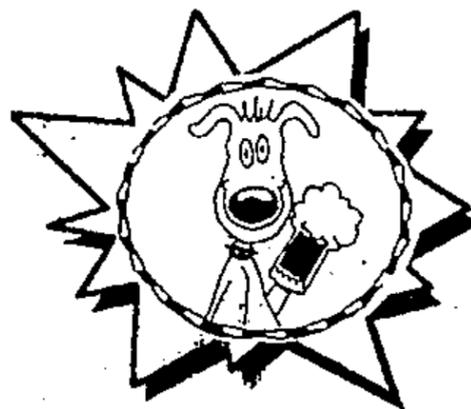
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The Arizona Friends of Chamber Music present the sixth concert in the 53<sup>rd</sup> season. From Boston, the Muir String Quartet will perform at 8:00 p.m. in the Leo Rich Theater at the Tucson Convention Center. General Admission tickets are \$15.00. Student tickets are \$5.00. The Muir String Quartet is no stranger to the Tucson audiences. The quartet is fondly remembered from concerts in 1996 and 1991. The Muir now returns with a program that will include a newly commissioned work by American composer Joelle Wallach. For more information call 577-3769.

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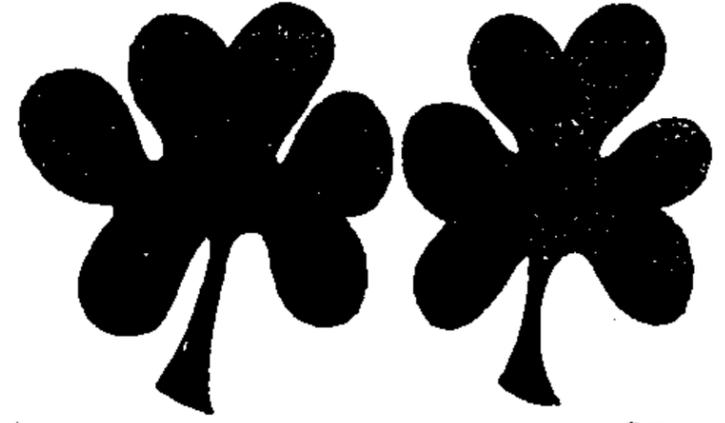
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## ACLU Sues Over Censorship of GLBT Sites

NEW YORK, NY (NP) - A law designed to protect children from "indecent" Internet content at public libraries is under fire because it blocks access to much of the GLBT information on the Web.

The largest public interest law firm in the country filed suit against the federal government in an attempt to overturn a law forcing public libraries to censor their patrons' use of the Internet using techniques that automatically block sites with GLBT content.

The American Civil Liberties Union is representing seven library associations, eight individuals and nine Web sites arguing that the Children's Internet Protection Act (CHIPA) unconstitutionally restricts freedom of speech online. CHIPA, passed by Congress late last year, requires libraries that participate in certain federal programs to install so-called "technology protection measures" on all computer terminals with Internet access. The purpose, the law says, is to protect children from "indecent" online content.

Among the Web site plaintiffs are PlanetOut.com and Out in America, both of which are online communities for Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender people. Others, such as Planned Parenthood, Safersex.org and Afraidtoask.com feature content designed to educate the public on health issues.

When the ACLU approached Out

in America about participating in the suit, they signed on eagerly, said Andy Scahill, the site's content editor. "The definition of indecent is so broad, it's filtering out important educational information," he said.

Noting that he relied heavily on the Internet during his coming out process, Scahill said, "It's more than education, it about validating a person's identity." Out in America staffers were concerned about what would come next if this law were allowed to stand, he said.

One of the individual plaintiffs is a 15-year-old Lesbian from Portland, Ore. Although she had Internet access at home, she preferred to use the facilities at her local public library as she searched for information about her sexual orientation and support in coming out to her family and friends. Had the law been in place during that time, she feels she would have had a much more difficult experience.

"The flaws in blocking programs are inevitable given the task and the limitations of the technology," said ACLU lawyer Chris Hansen. "Everyone from a Congressional panel to Consumer Reports to parents have found blocking programs to be unworkable."

The Third Circuit Court of Appeals in Philadelphia will hear the case. Should an appeal be mounted to that panel's decision, it would move directly to the U. S. Supreme Court.

## More Americans Sampling Gay & Lesbian Sex

IOWA CITY, IA (RNS) - In news that is certain to frighten a lot of overly anxious religious conservatives, changing societal attitudes regarding the morality of Gay sex is leading to a pronounced increase in same-sex sexual activity.

A study undertaken by a researcher at the University of Iowa suggests the percentage of American women who say they recently had Gay sex increased 15 fold from 1988 to 1998, with rates among American men doubling over the same 10-year period.

According to the survey, the number of men who said they had recently had Gay sex rose from 2 percent in 1988 to 4 percent in 1998, while rates among women climbed from 0.2 percent to nearly 3 percent over the same time frame. The results are published in a recent issue of the *Journal of Sex Research*.

Amy C. Butler, the author of the study examined 1988-1998 data from the General Social Survey, a poll of adult Americans over the age of 18 conducted every two years by the National Opinion Research

Center.

While Butler's report did not seek to explain the increase, she suggests that positive images of Gay people in the media and declining legal and economic barriers "may have made it easier for people to recognize their same-gender sexual interest and to act on it."

The report notes changes in the nation's courtrooms and places of work which may also be fueling Americans' shift in attitude towards Gay sexuality. Domestic partnership benefit packages for Gay public and private employees is becoming commonplace, sodomy laws have been repealed in 25 states. Gay parents are demanding and winning rights for their families.

"This is about people expressing who they are," Cathy Renna of the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLAAD) told Reuters. She said "changes in the cultural environment have contributed to a culture where Gay and Lesbian people can be more safe, more comfortable and more self-accepting of who they are."

## Harassment Down; Still Common In Military

WASHINGTON, DC - The Servicemembers Legal Defense Network said in its annual report issued that anti-Gay harassment in the armed forces declined slightly last year, owing to improved training programs, but that it remains all common in every branch of the military.

The SLDN report says commanders continue to violate regulations by overzealously investigating the sexual orientation of service members. These practices are a blatant violation of guidelines established by "don't ask, don't tell, don't pursue" policy governing Gay and Lesbians service in the American military.

The New York Times says the report urges Secretary of Defense Donald

H. Rumsfeld to develop rules for disciplining service members who engage in, condone or ignore anti-Gay behavior, and to issue a directive strongly stating the Pentagon's opposition to tolerating sexual harassment of any kind against any person in uniform.

"We now stand at a political crossroads and the question is whether the Bush administration will do what the Clinton administration failed to do and enforce don't ask, don't tell, don't pursue, don't harass with fairness and compassion," the report says.

President Bush has gone on record in support of the "don't ask, don't tell,

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# A View From The Rock

A Commentary From Cornerstone Fellowship

Spring has sprung! This week it greets us officially and in honor of spring the Tucson weather has just jumped up a notch. Only in Tucson is it in the low 60s one day and the upper 80s the next. No, there's no messing around when it comes to the change of seasons in Tucson!

Wasn't it a great Winter though? The cool weather and more than ample rain was in my opinion rather invigorating. And now, the warm weather has set in which means the hot, hot summer is on its way.

I can't help but think that our spiritual lives somehow resemble the seasons. We all experience times of spiritual refreshment and renewal, but just the same, also experience times of drought and heat exhaustion. And just like the weather in Tucson those spiritual seasons can change with little or no warning.

As a Christian I am now preparing myself for the celebration of the greatest holiday in the Christian Church...Easter.

And as I try to prepare my heart to better understand and appreciate Jesus and all he has done for me, I find myself in a bit of a spiritual dry spell. I am not discouraged though. Because I know that the same Jesus who died on a cross as payment for my sins is the same Jesus who has complete compassion for me. He understands that I will have my doubts and he is more than able to answer my many questions. I want to know him more, and know him more completely. My spiritual life is perhaps experiencing a long dry spell, but I know he will bring the rains of refreshment soon.

How about you? What season is your spiritual life in right now? Loving the Lord and wanting to serve him is not a guarantee that we will always feel spiritually full and alive. No matter how you're "feeling" right now, he, Jesus is more than able to meet you right where you are and give you what you need. If you're in the refreshing spring time of your spiritual life right now, rejoice. If in a drought, then hope. Jesus is with you in both.

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You Want To Know? Ask Bruce or Jenn

Dear Bruce:

I've been living with my partner for four years and we've been seeing each other for six. As you can probably assume the relationship has become "comfortable."

It's not boring -at least not to me- and the sex is still good, if not as exciting as it use to be. We've always been open and honest with each other, and recently he asked me how I felt about having a threesome. He said that it wasn't that he was bored with our sex life, but that he thought it would be fun. I didn't say no, but that I would think about it. Since he first mentioned it, however, he's brought it up four more times. I beginning to think that there may be more to it. Do you think he's lying to me and is really bored with our sex life?

Contented

Dear Contented:

Yes. You probably want me to elaborate. It is no secret that even in the strongest of relationships a couple's sex life can grow stale. This is nothing new for

advice columns - it has been dealt with in Cosmo for years.

Usually they give you a list of things that you can do to "spice up" sex with your partner (as if it is as simple as a lentil soup recipe). They suggest things like, "When he gets home from work, try greeting him at the door naked holding a pot roast." Now, Bruce will never be that specific in his suggestions. Why? It is not for a lack of ideas, but rather because everyone is turned on by different things and everyone has different degrees of comfort about the things that they do to turn on their partner. So, while some may get all hot and horny watching his naked partner carving up a pot roast, others may find this behaviour freakish and disturbing. The answer to your problem is in your question. If you have always had an open and honest relationship, now is the time to sit down and have a heart to heart. Only in talking with him are you going to discover his true motivation for wanting to shake up your sex life. Then together you can work on fixing the problem. And if the solution actually requires a pot roast, so be it.

Now, to three or not to three -- that's a big question. I'm all for threesomes...under the right circumstances (you should know by now that there is always a qualification). I've seen many couples introduce a third into their relationships - both casually and for longer terms - and have them blossom. I've also seen many bite the dust. It may be stating the obvious, but before you introduce a third into your bed make sure you fully understand that you are choosing to share something that up until now has been private between you and your partner. You need to understand the role that your sex life plays in your relationship and be secure in your feelings towards each other. This security becomes absolutely essential when, for the first time, you look up and see your beloved getting it on with another man while you have to content yourself for the time being by sucking on his ankles.

Sincerely,  
Bruce

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### Harassment Down

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don't pursue" policy, but has not said how it should be enforced.

Anti-Gay harassment jumped to 986 incidents in 1999, more than double the previous year's 400, The Times quotes the SLDN report. But in 2000, reports of anti-Gay harassment declined 10 percent to 871. The Army accounted for most of that decrease, with complaints falling to 209, from 276.

"The Army appears to be leading the way among the services in implementing training programs and holding those found responsible for anti-Gay misconduct accountable," the report says.

C. Dixon Osburn, executive director for the defense network, said training in the other services lagged far behind. The Navy, Marine Corps and Air Force have distributed anti-harassment materials thro-

ugh e-mail messages and on Web sites, but have not done enough training on bases or ships, he told The Times. In 2000, the Navy led the other services in reported cases of harassment with 332, up from 330 the year before.

The report also notes the Air Force, more than the other service branch, conducts "fishing expeditions" into the sexual histories of admitted or suspected Gay and Lesbian service members. The Air Force, says the report, has been particularly aggressive about trying to force Gays and Lesbians to repay scholarships or bonuses after they have been involuntarily discharged.

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2. Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 8:00 p.m. Join us as we show "Bedrooms & Hallways"-a funny British comedy that spoofs the new age men's movement, and shows what really happens in houses up for sale! For reservations and directions, please call Les or Jerry at 690-9565.

### THURSDAY, MARCH 22

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 1:00 p.m. Join Jerry and Les for a Lunch Out at one of Tucson's best kept secrets: La Pianola. This Mexican restaurant is a real find, and gives new twists to some traditional foods. For directions and reservations, please call Jerry or Les at 690-9565.

### FRIDAY, MARCH 23

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 8:00 p.m. Join the men of MSN as we go out to support our brother in Reveille for their latest concert: "Classically Reveille". For more information, or tickets, please call Bill at 577-3481.

### SATURDAY, MARCH 24

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Pinocchio is the game we're playing-and you're invited. If you don't know how to play, but want to learn, we'll teach you. If you already know how, you'll fit right in. For reservations and directions, please call Bill at 297-3569.

### SUNDAY, MARCH 25

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 6:00 p.m. The Oscars bring us tacky gowns, long speeches, horrifying songs and dances, and fake glamour! What's not to like? Join Les and Jerry for their annual Oscar Party. Ballots, prizes, and much more! For reservations and directions, please call Jerry or Les at 690-9565.

### MONDAY, MARCH 26

Tucson Prime Timers, 1:00PM luncheon at ElGreco Restaurant 4635 E Ft Lowell. Call 529-9344 for details.

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 6:30 p.m. Tom leads the Triangle Tribe-a support group with MSN which is designed to teach openness and communication. For reservations and directions, please call Tom at 318-1650.

### TUESDAY, MARCH 27

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Join Jim as he hosts Bridge Night. Beginners and seasoned players are welcomed. For reservations and directions, please call Jim at 885-5408 (work) or 790-7735 (home).

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 28

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Jerry & Les offer you some Extreme Choices tonight. We'll play two very different videos at the same time-you have to decide which one you'd most like to see. In Room 1, we'll show "Poison", a fascinating film with three different tales that culminate in an emotional climax. In Room 2, we'll show "Kiss Me Guido", a light comedy about a straight man rooming with a gay man. For reservations and directions, please call Les or Jerry at 690-9565.

### THURSDAY, MARCH 29

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 9:00 a.m. We take a day trip up to Phoenix for a look at the Norman Rockwell exhibit. Ideally, you'll have a ticket purchased in advance, but you're welcome to join us and take your chances in getting in at the last moment. For information, please call Bill at 546-7539.

Tucson Prime Timers, luncheon at Blue Willow, 2616 N Campbell, 1:00 p.m. Call 529-9344 for details.

### FRIDAY, MARCH 30

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Join us for the latest showing of "Queer As Folk" at Bill's house. For reservations and directions, please call Bill at 546-7539.

### MONDAY, APRIL 11

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 6:30 p.m. Tom leads the Triangle Tribe-a support group with MSN which is designed to teach openness and communication. For reservations and directions, please call Tom at 318-1650.

### TUESDAY, APRIL 3-

1. Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. The Investment Club (Tucson Stockmen) meets the first Wednesday of each month. There are new openings in the Stockmen, so please call for more information. For reservations and directions, please call Carl at 331-4238.

2. Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 6:30 p.m. Join Steve as he hosts Dinner Out at Trattoria Giuseppe. Seating is limited, so call early. For reservations and directions, please call Steve at 546-4047.

### FRIDAY, APRIL 6

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Join us for Game Night, as we play all sort of board games and card games. You're encouraged to bring one of your favorites to teach to others. For reservations and directions, please call Jerry or Les at 690-9565.

## BAR CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 21

IBTS - The Girls Show hosted by Lucinda Holliday and featuring Mr. Kenneth Blake, Aja Simone and special guests.

### FRI-SAT-SUN, MARCH 23-24-25

IBTS - Unofficial Gay and Lesbian Headquarters for the 4th Avenue Spring Fair. See the shirtless boys on the Avenue. Three great shows, Saturday 3:00 p.m. (\$2 Cover); Sunday, 3:00 p.m. (\$2.00 Cover) and 9:00 p.m. (No Cover). Shows star Lucinda Holliday, Devina, Angela Dodd, Mr. Kenneth Blake, Bunny Fuffu, Aja Simone, Phaedra, Deora Le Blanc, Faith Michaels, Tori Steele and Janee Starr. There will be no Bar-B-Que or Karaoke this Sunday.

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 28

IBTS - 9:00 p.m., a special benefit show for Faith Michaels, candidate for Miss Gay Tucson featuring along with Faith, Janee Starr, Mr. Kenneth Blake, Aja Simone and Miss Saigon.

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### SATURDAY, APRIL 7

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Join us for our monthly Potluck & Social Gathering as we sit down to eat with some of the nicest gay guys in town (like you!). It's a nice, safe place to meet 80 guys all at once! The Potluck is held at the Casas Adobe Congregational Church at 6801 N. Oracle. Please call Jerry at 690-9565 for directions and any questions you may have.

### MONDAY, APRIL 8

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 6:30 p.m. Tom leads the Triangle Tribe - a support group with MSN which is designed to teach openness and communication. For reservations and directions, please call Tom at 318-1650.

## Daily Bar Calendar

NOTE: Bar owners or managers are responsible for keeping this standard listing up to date. Check with the bartender to be sure the specials listed are actually available.

### 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 - 9am-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.

VENTURE-N - Open 10am. Patio open noon. Patio Beer Bust 3-7pm 75¢ draft, \$2 pitchers. 301 Dart Tournament 5pm \$3 entry fee (pot matched). Boss Burgers 5-7pm Hides Leather Goods opens at 4pm.

WOODY'S - Open Noon. Dart tournament 3pm. Happy Hour 3-7pm. Patio Bar open 5:30-close. Pick-up Volleyball games 5-7. \$2.50 sirlain burger or chicken 5:30-9:30pm. Karaoke with Billy Dee 9pm to close.

YARD DOG - Open Sundays 10am - 1am. Bloody marys or Screwdrivers \$1.75 from 10am - 1pm. 50¢ off any Rum 1pm-7pm.

### Monday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - Happy Hour Two-For-One 2-7. \$1.50 Wells 8-midnight, 25¢ cups of draft 8 to closing.

IBT's - 9am-4pm, \$2.00 domestic beer and well. Happy Hour \$1.75 well and domestic beer 4-7pm. 7-9pm \$1.50 well and domestic. Small pitchers Bud/Bud Light \$1.50 from 5pm to close. DJ Rayman plays house music 9pm to close. All drink specials not available during special events.

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

WOODY'S - Open Noon. Happy Hour 3-7pm. Karaoke w/Billy Dee 9pm to close. Special drink prices 8pm to close for American Airlines - American Express - AOL employees.

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

### Tuesday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BUSINESS - Happy Hour Two-For-One 2-7pm. Pool touney 7:30pm. \$3 entry, pot matched. \$1.50 longnecks for pool players. \$2 Long Islands all nite. Dance to music w/DJ S. Country music 9 to close

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

VENTURE-N - Open 6am. Patio open 5pm.

WOODY'S - Open Noon. Happy Hour 3-7pm. 7pm Dart Tournament with Doc. Pot matched. Trivia Party 8pm-close. Top score on NTN per game wins special prizes. Sky's the limit \$2.25.

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

### Wednesday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BUSINESS - College Nite. Techno, Trance Jungle & House with DJ Jake. \$2 Long Islands and \$1 Puckers 9 to close.

IBT's - 9am to 4pm, \$2.00 domestic beer & well. Happy Hour \$1.75 well & domestic beer 4-7pm. \$1.50 well & domestic 4-9pm. All drink specials not available during special events.

VENTURE-N - Open 6am. Patio opens at 5pm.

WOODY'S - Open Noon. Happy Hour 3-7pm. Pick-up Volleyball games start 7pm. Chili Feed with all the trimmings. 5-9pm \$2.50. Patio bar open 7pm-Midnight.

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

### Thursday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BUSINESS - Karaoke w/Stephanie 9-close. \$2 Kamikazes and \$1 Hot Sex.

IBT's - 9am-4pm \$2.00 domestic beer and well. Happy Hour \$1.75 Well & domestic 4-9. \$1.50 well and domestic 7-9pm. Hi energy dancing 9-close. All drink specials not available during special events.

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 plus 50¢ off all Big Ass drinks. Top score on NTN per game wins special prizes. Volleyball Court is Open. See bartender. Patio Bar Open 7pm to midnight.

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

### Friday

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

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

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 Martini's \$2.00 all day. Call Martini's \$3 from 4pm to close. Volleyball Court is Open. Patio Bar Open 7pm - midnight.

YARD DOG - Open daily 6am. 50¢ off any Gin until 7pm.

### Saturday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BUSINESS - Open at 2pm. Pool Tournament 6:30pm \$3 entry. Pot matched. \$2 pitchers for pool players. Dance music w/DJ Hill 9-close. Drink specials every 1/2 hour.

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

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

WOODY'S - Open Noon. Happy Hour 3-7pm. Pool Tourney 2pm. Patio Bar & Volleyball Court open 5:30 - close. Steak Fry 5-9pm Filet Mignon, vegetables, salad, potato & roll \$4.50.

YARD DOG - Open daily 6am. Beer Bust 3-7pm. 75¢ glass, \$2.25 pitcher. 50¢ off any Rum 1pm to 7pm.

NOTICES

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

**SOUTHERN ARIZONA AIDS FOUNDATION (SAAF)**, 375 S. EUCLID. Office Hours 8am to 5pm, Monday through Friday. Direct services and emotional support for persons with and affected by HIV. Anonymous HIV testing and support groups available. Prevention education programs. 828-SAAF (7223). World wide web: <http://www.saaaf.org> VOLUNTEERS WELCOME.

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

**PFLAG** - Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays - is a support group available to anyone who has a son, daughter or friend who is Gay. Call 575-8680 or write P.O. Box 36284, Tucson, AZ 85740-8284. All replies confidential.

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

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

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

**TUCSON GAY INFORMATION AND REFERRAL**. 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 881-1784 - 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.

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

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

**REVELLE GAY MEN'S CHORUS** rehearses Tuesdays 7-10pm at MCC Church, 3268 N. Mountain. Have any history/experience singing? Join us!! Call 617-3100 for more info.

**TGNetArizona**: The central source for news and information for, by and about the TS, TG, and Gender-variant communities of Arizona. Website URL: <http://www.tgnetarizona.org> - e-mail address: [ajgoodrum@uswest.net](mailto:ajgoodrum@uswest.net)

**GAY OR BI-SEXUAL MEN** in relationships with women. Need friends you can talk to? Weekly support group meets Wednesdays 8:30 - 8:00 pm. Licensed psychologist facilitator. Call 745-8977 in Tucson for more information. Strictly confidential.

**WINGSPAN** - Tucson's Gay, Lesbian & Bisexual Community Center, 300 E. 6th St., offers support groups / info line / social events / library / meeting space. Volunteer Opportunities. Board meetings every 2nd Thursday (open to all), 8:00 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. For more information call the church at 299-9063 and ask for a contact person.

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

**GREATER PHOENIX GAY & LESBIAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE (GPGLCC)** P.O. BOX 2097, Phoenix, AZ 85001-2097. E-mail: [webmaster@gpplcc.org](mailto:webmaster@gpplcc.org) or call (802)225-8444.

**SOURCES UNLIMITED**, a Lesbian & Gay referral service. Business and individual listings are free of charge. All information available to anyone just simply by asking. 322-5855. 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 85632.

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**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)327-1920 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.

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**SOFTBALL** - For info on the Tucson Greater Softball Association T.G.S.A., please contact Mary 770-9979 or Berbe 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 299-8647.

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

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

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

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

**LEARN TO BE A LISTENING FRIEND** Unique Hospital Volunteer Program teaches listening skills to Volunteers who provide a safe/compassionate environment to at-risk patients. Training every 6 weeks. 664-7063.

**EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT GROUP FOR ALTERNATIVE LIFESTYLES**. Not a dating club. Discreet. Meetings every Monday evening. Call for more info. APEX (Arizona Power Exchange) 602-415-1123. 24-hr multi-choice message, including information, calendar and location.

**ARIZONA AIDS POLICY ALLIANCE (AZAPA)** seeks to educate legislators and citizens about sound AIDS policy. For more information write AZAPA, 8523 N. 14<sup>th</sup> St., #112, Phoenix, AZ 85014 or call 802-270-4805.

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**SEXUAL ASSAULT SURVIVORS**. Starting this February, the Tucson Rape Crisis Center will be providing free confidential group services for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender survivors of all manner of sexual assault. Interested persons please call Miro 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: [www.aapsp.org](http://www.aapsp.org) or e-mail: [AAPSP@aol.com](mailto:AAPSP@aol.com) or call Dave (520)745-9059 (Tucson) or Kim (602)534-6219 (Phoenix)

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

**TUCSON CATHOLIC GAY & LESBIAN FAMILY MINISTRY**. Currently meeting the 4th Monday of every month at St. 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 293-6824.

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

**LAMBDA CAR CLUB**, a social organization of Gays and Lesbians who share interest, information and fellowship involving all cars and trucks. New Southern Arizona Region now in Tucson. Call the HOTline for info at 688-5541

**LESBIAN AND GAY AL-ANON** - Affected by someone's drinking? Meeting every Tuesday 8:45 to 9:45 p.m. at Lambda Center, 2940 E. Thomas, Phoenix. Ellie 581-8850 or Ronn 968-2364.

**CHRISTIAN SCIENCE GROUP** - Outreach to Gay and Lesbian people in Arizona. Meets monthly. Write to P.O. Box 893, Phoenix, AZ 85001 or call Eddy Walters, (602)371-1102

**CRONIES SOCIAL GROUP**. A Social group for Gay men who enjoy the fellowship of their peers. Call Leo at 624-8788.

**LIGHTNING LIGHTING** will provide lighting for AIDS and related benefits at no charge. For more info call Adrienne at 890-7298.

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**GAY & LESBIAN SPIRITUALITY GROUP** of St. Philips 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 8:30 to 9:30pm at Army Park Senior Center, 220 S. 6th Ave. Call 781-9662.

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, 3268 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 690-9565 for information and a newsletter. Check the Non-Bar Calendar in the Observer.

**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 325-9458 or Ray at 749-5247.

**TUCSON INTERFAITH HIV/AIDS NETWORK (TIHAN)**, a coalition of faith communities committed to a compassionate response to HIV/AIDS, provides HIV education in congregational settings, volunteer CareTeams to support HIV+ persons, a referral network of HIV-sensitive clergy, and interfaith services of healing and hope. For more information call 299-8647.

**LESBIAN/GAY/BI-SEXUAL OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS**. Saturdays 1 to 2pm new location Wingspan, 300 E. 6<sup>th</sup> St. Contacts 325-6676 or 327-4283.

**ANONYMOUS HIV COUNSELING AND TESTING** is available through the Pima County Health Department at sites throughout Tucson, Very Gay Friendly. For more information or to make an appointment call 781-7676.

**GRACE GROUP - CATHOLIC GAY/LESBIAN SUPPORT GROUP** meets every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Monday at 7:30 p.m. in the Madonna Hall at Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Church, 1438 N. Campbell across from University Hospital. For more info. Call Ernie Slaight 721-2003.

**SMART (Self Management And Recovery Training)** a free non-12-step self-help alternative for people working to overcome addictive and other emotional problems meets in Tucson Monday thru Thursdays at different locations. For more information about SMART, contact Brends at 884-9920, Ext.448 or Emmett 322-6057 ([evelten@ix.netcom.com](mailto:evelten@ix.netcom.com))

**Azdykes** is a new email list for Lesbians living in Arizona. For information mail [ryan@theriver.com](mailto:ryan@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 888-8010 before 10:00 p.m. The group dines out and attends shows or movies. Now in their 18<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 Girls (MTF) Meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday at 7pm. Desert Boys 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](mailto:SAGAE@mail@aol.com) <http://members.aol.com/sagae@mail>

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