

Pride Festival In Phoenix This Weekend

PHOENIX - The annual Arizona Central Pride Committee has worked long and hard getting the 2001 Pride Celebration underway and that effort pays off this Saturday, April 21, at Margaret F. Hance Deck Park, Central Avenue and Culver Street in downtown Phoenix.

Pride day will begin with a 2K walk or 5K run starting at 8:30 a.m. on Central Avenue. Call 408-4311 (Team Arizona) for more details.

At 10:00 a.m. a Pride Parade will take place on Central Avenue from Osborn Road to Moreland Street.

The Pride 2001 Festival will open its gates at 10:00 a.m. and continues until

midnight. There will be lots of entertainment beginning at noon, headed by RuPaul with Mark Weigle, Anne Engle, Digital Soldiers, and Crystal Waters among others. Ten to twelve thousand are expected to attend the festivities.

Tickets are \$8.00 in advance and are available at Unique On Central and Oblisk Bookstore. They are available at the gate for \$10.00. There will be a shuttle available from Apollo's and Winks. The shuttle will run from noon until 12:30 a.m. for \$1.00 per person for those who would rather park and ride.

For more information call Arizona Central Pride at (602)279-1771 or check out their website www.azpride.org

Evertz Notes Potential Conflicts With Bush

WASHINGTON, DC - In an interview with USA Today, Scott Evertz acknowledged that as the new head of the White House Office of National AIDS Policy, he is likely to pursue positions that may put him at odds with the Bush administration.

Evertz told the newspaper he is troubled by Bush's decision to freeze funding of the Ryan White AIDS Care Act at last year's level of \$1.8 billion when the epidemic is still growing by an estimated 40,000 infections a year.

He notes, furthermore, that more than half of those receiving anti-AIDS medication in the U.S. receive some form of government-sponsored assistance to help them cover the annual \$10,000 cost of the drugs. New sources of federal funding are desperately needed.

Evertz is also strongly in favor of needle exchange programs, which is certain to put him on a collision course with conservatives, who condemn such programs as encouraging drug use. "We have needle-exchange in Wisconsin, and it's working," Evertz tells USA Today. "Drug use isn't up, and new infections appear to be declining as predicted."

While Evertz said he supports presenting abstinence as the safest option for preventing HIV infection, he said it should not take the place of safer-sex education. Many conservatives reject that stance, arguing that safe-sex programs condone condom use and sex outside of marriage.

Evertz says sexually active teens should be armed with the methods that will reduce their risk of exposure to HIV, but he told USA Today he wasn't going to kick off his tenure by insisting it be official Bush administration policy. "I'm going to avoid commenting on what I think the Bush administration should do," he said.

Unlike Sandy Thurman, who reported directly to President Clinton, Evertz will serve under Bush's domestic policy adviser, Margaret LaMontagne. In addition, he also will sit on an AIDS task force co-chaired by Secretary of State Colin Powell and by Evertz's chief administration backer, Secretary of Health and Human Services Tommy Thompson.

Evertz still remains something of a mystery to many activists and advocates in the decades-long war against AIDS. "This is not a person that any of us in the AIDS community has worked with before, but that doesn't mean he won't do a great job," says Thurman, president of the International AIDS Trust.

Terje Anderson, director of the National Association of People With AIDS, told USA Today she was "guardedly optimistic." Said Anderson: "I'm told he's smart and likable, a quick-learning guy. He has a close relationship with Secretary Thompson. I want to meet him."

Evertz begins his new post, which does not require Senate confirmation, on April 19.

GAP Passes On El Paso; G/L Concerns Cited

EL PASO, TX (EPT) - An official says that the Gap Inc. decided not to relocate part of its corporate headquarters from San Francisco to El Paso, Tex., in part over concerns about the city's quality of life for Gays and Lesbians.

The clothing chain said in February that it would not move to El Paso because of unspecified considerations, but the paper reports that Roberto Franco, director of El Paso's Economic Development Department, said that concern for the firm's Gay employees was a significant factor in the decision. "I don't think anybody wanted to put this out and make it more difficult for El Paso," Franco, who was involved in the negotiations with the Gap, said. "Even at this point, I don't think anybody wants to talk about it. But I think it's important that we address it and that we know what the real situation was."

However, Gap spokesman Jamey Edgerton denied that Gay concerns played a role in the decision. "To be honest with you...the focus of the story is so drastically far from any business decisions that we used to choose Albuquerque that I don't really feel that it's really pertinent to the reasons why we chose Albuquerque," Edgerton said. El Paso mayor Carlos Ramirez said he didn't know Gay issues were a concern to the company but noted that Gap officials asked repeated questions about the city's diversity. "When they asked about diversity, none of the people who were there interpreted it as being about anything other than what we normally think of," he said. "When we talk about our diversity, it's in terms of history, race, and the ethnic makeup in El Paso. I wish they would have communicated precisely what they meant so we could have answered their questions precisely. We never had this come up before in our recruitment efforts."

However, Franco said that Gap
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Homophobia Causes LGBT Youth To 'Shut Down'

NEW YORK, NY (GHC) - Adolescence is a difficult and exciting time, full of new experiences and challenges - like close friendships, dating and first kisses. But many LGBT youth must "sit out" this part of their lives because they do not feel comfortable or safe enough to be themselves, according to panelists at Teens Speaking Out, a panel discussion about LGBT teen issues. The panel, which took place April 12 in New York City, was co-sponsored by the New York Times, SHINE (Seeking Harmony in Neighborhoods Everyday), and Upfront magazine.

"I was told my entire life I was going to hell." -- Alex Aborilele, 18

"I wasn't really alive. I basically shut off, and spent all my time reading," said Alex Aborilele, 18, of his adolescence. Aborilele left an abusive home life in Philadelphia a year ago and hopped a bus to New York City. With no money, friends or place to stay, he worked as a hustler in order to survive. His story was chronicled in the New York Times Magazine in September 2000.

Aborilele grew up in a religiously strict family. "I went to a Baptist school," he said. "I was told my entire life I was going to hell." Feeling guilty for his attraction to other guys, Aborilele developed rituals to convince himself he wasn't Gay. "If I thought about a man, I'd have to think right away about a woman, to balance it out in my mind," he explained. Finally, Aborilele came out. "I was holding onto that last shred of trying to be straight. It wasn't working." When his family found out he was Gay from the article in the Times, they accused him of ruining the family name.

Kevin Jennings, the founder and executive director of the Gay, Lesbian and Straight Education Network (GLSEN), a student advocacy organization, blamed schools for not cultivating an accepting, safe space for LGBT students. "The adult institutions that are supposed to serve young people, frankly, don't," he said. "Most LGBT youth in our schools are expected to turn themselves off until they get out of school. What a ridiculous price to pay for survival."

Corey Johnson, another panelist, had a starkly different coming out experience. While captain of the football team at Masconomet High School in Massachusetts, Johnson came out to his teammates, a brave act that landed him the front page of the Times in April 2000. Though his family, teachers and peers easily accepted him, the years leading up to his coming out were wrought with anxiety and depression. "I struggled with coming out," he said. "I thought, how can I be Gay if I play football? In my mind, then, it didn't add up." Although Johnson was popular and active in sports, he retreated to the Internet to find other young Gay people. "Before I came out, I was depressed. The only consolation during the day was connecting with other Gay and Lesbian teenagers on the Internet, especially those who played sports."

Gay and Lesbian students who "turn off" in order to survive adolescence - emotionally and physically - later face the daunting challenge of learning the skills they missed out on. "It's very difficult to enter into a loving relationship with somebody, to turn yourself on," Aborilele confessed. "Most of my relationships have been

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UPDATE

Tucson's 2nd Annual GLBT Pride March/Parade

TUCSON—The Lesbian Avengers and OUTrage are pleased to announce the Second Annual Tucson GLBT Pride March/Parade. This year's event will be Sunday, June 24, starting at the 4th Avenue Park (just south of Speedway), 7:00 p.m.

Last year's first GLBT Pride March, "History in the Making," was an un-permitted event which necessitated a relatively short route. This year, because many in the community have expressed interest in seeing a parade (versus a march) for GLBT pride, we hope to obtain city permits for the Pride Parade, and to lengthen the route from the 4th Avenue Park to La Placita Plaza (near the Tucson Civic Center). In order to make this expansion happen, we need your help.

Approximately \$5,000 must be raised to pay for all of the requirements of city permits for a Parade. In order to raise the amount needed, we are asking the community to show their support through sponsorships and vehicle entry fees. We must receive all funds by May 1 in order to finalize the city permit arrangements.

For more information, call Dace Park, (520) 271-7438.

Positions Open At SAAF

TUCSON - The Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation (SAAF) is looking for qualified individuals for the following positions:

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Mike Pollack Named Regional Grand Marshal In Phoenix Pride Parade

TUCSON - The Tucson Lesbian/Gay Alliance (TLGA) is proud to announce the first annual Grand Marshall delegate for Southern Arizona for the Arizona Central Pride Parade, Mike Pollack, Queer Voice Coordinator.

Mike is an enthusiastic asset to the Tucson GLBT community, especially its youth. We know that he will be someone whose name arises many times in the years to come as a dedicated leader in the GLBT community.

There are so many prominent names in the GLBT community that it was a difficult decision to make. However, with an emphasis on the future of our community. Mike was the most obvious choice. TLGA would like to thank the community for its nominations and would like to congratulate Mike Pollack on his assignment as Grand Marshall.

Mike and TLGA can be seen at the Phoenix Pride Parade on Saturday, April 21, starting at 10:00 a.m. The Parade begins at Central and Osborn and ends at the Festival grounds. For further information on Phoenix Pride, go to azpride.org. TLGA looks forward to seeing everyone there.

AVIV Monthly Services May 4

PHOENIX - AVIV, the Arizona Jewish GLBT Chavurah is having their monthly Shabbat services Friday, May 4, 7:30 p.m.

Come and share the spirit of Shabbat with friends. This is a wonderful opportunity to refocus and rejuvenate. As always, your partners and friends are invited to attend. Don't forget the great Oneg following services.

Call the AVIV info line, (602) 952-1612 for more information and the Phoenix location.

Stonewall Democrats Meeting April 30

TUCSON - The next Tucson meeting of the Tucson-Southern Arizona Stonewall Democrats will be Monday, April 30 at 7:00 p.m.

The meeting will be at the Pima County Democratic Party headquarters, 2617 E. Broadway Road. Everyone is invited to attend, regardless of you level of interest.

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Born in Cheyenne, Wyoming, Doug passed away in Tucson after a long bout with AIDS. He is survived by his parents, sister and brother, grandmother aunts, uncles, nephews, nieces, cousins and many, many good friends.

A mass was offered on Wednesday, April 11 at Our Mother of Sorrows Catholic Church.

The family requests that donations in Doug's name be made to Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation, 375 S. Euclid.

For more information, call Pima Democratic Headquarters at (520) 370-85-54 or send an email to Stonewall-Tucson@aol.com.

Job Openings At Wingspan

TUCSON - Wingspan is pleased to announce the following job openings:

Administrative Assistant. Full Time. Responsible for organizing and maintaining office files, purchasing and managing office supplies, data entry, donor tracking, basic bookkeeping, event scheduling and other tasks. Requires excellent organizational skills, ability to work independently, reliable transportation, extensive experience with office software (Word, Publisher, Excel, and Access) and basic knowledge of Quick Books accounting software. \$18,000 plus benefits.

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Study Shows 20 Years After Start Of Epidemic

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Twenty years after the start of the epidemic, patients' "AIDS Battle Fatigue" is visible, with HIV+ individuals finding it difficult to comply with their drug regimens and looking to take fewer and better drugs, according to data from a survey conducted by Savitz Research and underwritten by GlaxoSmithKline.

A total of 371 HIV+ individuals responded to surveys distributed by questionnaire to 2,500 households that had reported having an HIV+ member, and via the Internet to another 2,602 individuals. All respondents were ensured confidentiality. The data are not representative of all HIV+ individuals and participants did not necessarily respond to each question, but the survey offers insights into current perspectives on HIV treatment.

A total of 62 percent of the 292 HIV+ respondents who are taking medication said it is somewhat or very difficult to adhere to their prescribed anti-HIV/AIDS drug plan. The major obstacle to complying with treatment every day is "too many pills," cited by 67 percent of those responding, followed by side effects (61 percent), food restrictions (55 percent), frequency of having to take the pills (49 percent) and timetable for having to take pills (44 percent). One percent noted cost as an obstacle. Many reported the drug regimen interferes with their daily life (43 percent) or lifestyle (30 percent) as well as their job (11 percent).

"There are many challenges to being adherent to the drug regimens. Almost every HIV+ patient gets what I call 'battle fatigue' or AIDS fatigue. You just

really get so tired of taking the drugs, taking them with or without food, watching what you eat, and knowing that you're going to be doing this the rest of your life," said David Morris, who was diagnosed with HIV in 1983 and is the administrator of the wellness program at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center, Boston. Morris has taken anti-AIDS medications for 15 years and counsels HIV+ and other individuals as part of his job. Morris takes 14 pills a day and has had multiple treatment failures and new regimens over the years.

According to Charles Farthing, M.D., of the AIDS Healthcare Foundation in Los Angeles, the adherence problems for HIV+ people are not wholly unlike those of people with other chronic illnesses, but unlike with some chronic illnesses, the repercussions for those with AIDS can be deadly. "People with hypertension or high cholesterol can have a difficult time complying with their treatment plan on a daily basis so we are certainly not surprised about adherence issues with HIV+ people, who can have far more complicated regimens," said Dr. Farthing.

"Adherence is of particular concern with HIV/AIDS because strict adherence is essential to suppress the virus and prevent it from developing mutations, causing resistance to drugs and leading to treatment failure. That means, without a very high level of adherence most believe in excess of 95 percent - drug treatments will ultimately fail and patients will progress in their disease."

Many HIV/AIDS treatment plans, particularly those for people with more advanced disease, include 20 or more pills per day, consisting of anti-HIV drugs and medications to manage related infections, nutritional deficiencies, pain, fatigue, depression, insomnia and side effects such as nausea and diarrhea. Each of these drugs has its own schedule and dosage requirements, and many drugs have food and water restrictions. However, HIV drug therapy is by no means always complicated - with some patients on regimens of 1-3 pills twice a day.

Other research shows that 80 percent of patients admit missing some doses at certain times. In one study, approximately 40 percent had missed a dose in the previous 3 days, explaining that they forgot, they were feeling sick, didn't have the drugs with them at the right time, or they were too busy.

The Survey on Treatment Adherence by HIV+ People was managed and tabulated by Savitz Research, Chicago, and fielded through a written questionnaire by National Family Opinion (NFO), which has a databank of self-identified HIV+ individuals, and via the Internet to a Greenfield Online databank of survey volunteers.

The survey asked the 292 respondents who were currently taking HIV drugs to identify what would be the three most important changes to make it easier to take anti-HIV drugs. Administration issues

(how drugs must be taken) were indicated at least once among the three responses by 93 percent of the 266 people responding, including "reducing the number of times you need to take pills" (45 percent), "fewer pills to take" (41 percent) and "have a single pill rather than multiple pills" (18 percent). Respondents were able to cite multiple answers.

Similarly, when asked to name the most important characteristic of a "better" HIV drug, 67 percent of the 259 HIV+ individuals responding wanted to improve administration aspects, which included a reduction in the number of times to take the pills (25 percent), fewer pills (25 percent), a single pill rather than multiple pills (19 percent), and 15 percent who said "make the drugs easier to take." At the same time, 64 percent noted side effects among their three responses to the question, including 58 percent who said "lower the amount of side effects." Another 28 percent said improve efficacy and 8 percent cited cost. "Reducing side effects" was the leading concern of 39 percent of the respondents.

"It may be difficult for people without HIV infection to understand why someone wouldn't be absolutely perfect about taking drugs that can prevent the development of AIDS or slow its progression. But we must realize that taking drugs is a reminder that people are 'sick' and the drugs often come with annoying or sometimes debilitating side effects," said Dr. Farthing. "Many people have trouble finishing a simple antibiotic regimen that requires a person to take two or three pills

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Spielberg To Quit Boy Scouts Board Over Gay Issue

LOS ANGELES, CA- Director Steven Spielberg says he is leaving his post on the advisory board of the Boy Scouts of America because the group excludes Gays, the Associated Press reported.

"The last few years in scouting have deeply saddened me to see the Boy Scouts of America actively and publicly participating in discrimination. It's a real shame," Spielberg said in a statement.

The Oscar-winning producer and director has been a member of the group's advisory board for about 10 years, said his publicist Marvin Levy.

The U.S. Supreme Court last summer ruled the Boy Scouts' national policy banning Gay members and leaders is constitutional. The high court cited the right to freedom of association granted to

private groups.

Although he was on the advisory board, Spielberg did not currently have an active, direct role with the Scouts, Levy said.

A telephone call seeking comment from a Scouts spokesman was not immediately returned.

"Once scouting fully opens its doors to all who desire the same experience that so fully enriched me as a young person, I will be happy to reconsider a role on the advisory board," Spielberg said.

Many cities, schools, churches and companies nationwide have struggled with how to reconcile support with local Scouts troops in light of their own anti-discrimination policies.

Gay Man Hired For Defense Post

WASHINGTON, DC (NP) - Conservatives are up in arms for the second time in a week over the Bush administration's hiring of an openly Gay man - this time, for a key post at the Defense Department.

The announcement that an openly Gay man vets potential employees at the Department of Defense inflamed anti-Gay conservatives, who are still trying to recover from President Bush's recent appointment of a Gay man to run the White House AIDS Office.

Stephen Herbits, a longtime AIDS and Gay rights activist, works on a consulting basis as a special assistant to Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld. His responsibilities include recruiting and screening employees for the department. Herbits performed similar tasks during Rumsfeld's first stint as Defense Secretary under President Ford and as part of now Vice President Dick Cheney's team in the elder Bush's administration.

Herbits was an original member of the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation, a founding board member of the National Leadership Coalition on AIDS and is a former chair of the AIDS Action Council. He has also been a vocal opponent of the ban on Gays and Lesbians serving openly in the military.

Last week, the Bush administration announced that Scott Evertz, an openly Gay man and president of the Wisconsin Log Cabin Republicans, would become the

director of the White House Office of National AIDS Policy. The double dose of Gay appointments infuriated the right wing.

"An administration that has pledged to uphold the moral order has no business ... advancing the homosexual agenda through appointments. People are policy," Robert H. Knight of the Culture and Family Institute told the Washington Times last week. "It appears [leaders of the Bush administration] are trying to become the Bisexual administration. They are trying to have it both ways."

"Herbits' appointment sends a message to Congress that the Defense Department openly supports homosexuals in the military, despite the congressional ban," The Rev. Louis P. Sheldon, chairman of the Traditional Values Coalition, told the Times. "This appointment is a slap in the face to our servicemen and to Congress."

The vice president's staff told the Times that Herbits' sexual orientation would not have come up for discussion when Cheney first hired him 1989.

The military ban on Gays serving openly does not extend to the Department of Defense, but a spokesman for the Family Research Council, Retired Army Col. Robert Maginnis, told the Times he is concerned that Herbits might turn away qualified individuals who find "homosexuality incompatible with military service."

Neither Rumsfeld nor Herbits commented publicly on the matter.

JELL-O Wrestling Update

TUCSON - There is Room for a Few More Wrestlers for the 14th Annual Reno Gannon Memorial Jell-O Extravaganza.

The Fourteenth Annual Reno Gannon Memorial Jell-O Wrestling Extravaganza returns to Tucson on Sunday, May 6, from 4:00 - 7:00 p.m., and there are a few slots left for those who want to sign up to slip and slide in the Jell-O to raise funds for the services of the Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation (SAAF).

The event, taking place at Woody's, 3710 N. Oracle, features community members who have raised pledges to go head to head in a pit full of Jell-O. It's fun and it's easy. And you'll be in the capable hands of the Mistresses of Ceremonies, Auctioneers and Fund-Raisers extra-

ordinares, Gilda Fatale and Lucinda Holliday.

While the Jell-O wrestling draws the crowd, there will also be 75 items donated from local community merchants which will be raffled or auctioned off. This will include a Grand Raffle package, a vacation-get-away-for two to San Francisco including flight, 2-night hotel stay, \$200 in American Express Travelers Checks and brunch. Raffle tickets are available for sale for \$1.00 at IBT's, Woody's and the SAAF offices.

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Gates Urges Plans And Money For AIDS

BOSTON, MA (NP) - The world's wealthiest man took aim at the AIDS crisis last week, saying that the money spent to combat it has not been commensurate to the problem.

The world must not overlook prevention in its battle against the AIDS epidemic, even as proposals are floated for rich nations to pay for drugs to treat the deadly disease in poor countries, software mogul Bill Gates and philanthropic agencies said.

The appeal not to lose sight of preventing people from contracting HIV, the virus that causes AIDS, came days after a Harvard University group highlighted how wealthy nations and pharmaceutical firms could supply developing areas with the expensive drug cocktails used to keep the disease in check.

Bill Gates, chairman of Microsoft Corp. and founder of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation that is one of the world's largest charities, welcomed the Harvard proposals but said he feared the message of prevention could get lost.

"It's fantastic to see the AIDS crisis getting the increased visibility that it deserves. The magnitude of this crisis is one that's hard for people to get their minds around," Gates said in a conference call with reporters.

"Harvard is making an important statement, and we agree and welcome this, but we also say that treatment includes, but is not limited to, anti-viral retroviral drugs," Gates said.

"Prevention is very underfunded. It's very important that those funds be expended both on treatment and on prevention."

Promoting condom use, education, better access to health care and behaving responsibly are among the steps the Gates Foundation said are effective in preventing the spread of HIV.

To boost the quest for an HIV vaccine, which infects 16,000 people every day, the Gates Foundation has given more than \$125 million to an international program to develop a cure.

HIV/AIDS has killed 22 million people and created about 13 million orphans since it was first diagnosed about 20 years ago. Some 36 million people carry the virus, of which about 25 million live in Africa, the Harvard faculty said.

But despite the spread of AIDS in Africa, only 10,000 people there now receive the anti-retroviral cocktail of drugs that has dramatically boosted survival rates in rich countries, they said.

The group proposed that governments fund a multi-billion dollar program to send those drugs to poorer countries. It also suggested a single global HIV/AIDS treatment and prevention trust fund.

Joined by Timothy Worth, president of the United Nations Foundation that administers U.S. media mogul Ted Turner's \$1 billion pledge to support the United Nations, and Gordon Conway, president of the Rockefeller Foundation, Gates said private charity could not beat AIDS alone.

"The actual amount of money ... has really been quite modest compared to the scale of problem," Gates said. "If this is going to be addressed in any significant way, the U.S. government, the Japanese government, all the rich world governments are going to have to step up," Gates said.

GAP Passes

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officials asked specific questions. "They kept on pressing and asked about the alternative lifestyle in El Paso," he said. "That's what they really wanted to know about. I had never been asked about it before, and it took a while for it to really soak in. But I don't think we really answered that question the way they would have wanted us to answer it." El Paso does not have a nondiscrimination ordinance, and Mayor Ramirez said that passage of such a measure is unlikely because of the city's conservative nature.

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POLITICS 2001

by Mark R. Kerr

'Meanwhile?'

In the nation's capital, Reps. Tammy Baldwin, D-WI, and Barney Frank, D-MA, released a letter sent to House Republican Conference Chairman J.C. Watts, Jr., R-OK, expressing dismay over the inclusion of two prominent anti-Gay leaders in an advisory committee for an upcoming House-Senate Republican Faith-Based Leadership Summit.

Rev. Louis Sheldon, chairman of the Traditional Values Coalition, and Reggie White, a former professional football player, were both appointed to an advisory committee of nearly 30 religious leaders invited to play a critical role, according to Rep. Watts, in helping Congress "find bold new ways for government and the faith community to work together to address America's problems."

Sheldon and White both have a history of making anti-Gay remarks. Just last week, Rev. Sheldon denounced the appointment of Scott H. Evertz, a Gay Republican, to run the White House Office of National AIDS Policy, solely on the basis of his being Gay.

In their letter, the two openly Gay Democratic members of the House of Representatives state, "While we agree that we should all be seriously considering how best to work with faith leaders in combating social ills, we disagree with your decision to include in your summit advisory committee people who consider each of us to be an example of those ills."

Frank noted, "In addition to his anti-Gay remarks, Rev. Louis Sheldon also appears to object to the appointment of John DiIulio Jr. as director of President Bush's office of faith-based initiatives in part because he is a Catholic."

Baldwin and Frank also wrote to Log Cabin Republicans, a group representing Gay Republicans, urging them to join in their efforts to persuade Rep. Watts to reconsider his appointment of these homophobic leaders. ...

State representative Steve May, R-Paradise Valley, wore his U.S. Army uniform for the last time two weekends ago, and has been processed out of the Army Reserves, but the decision to leave the Army is his own.

Citing his violation of the "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" policy, the Army worked for two years to boot the openly Gay May from his position as a lieutenant in its reserves, but gave up early this year. May's spotless record and the short time left before his tour of duty was up left the Army with little legal ground to pursue their case.

May, who joined the reserves in 1989, said he holds no grudge against the Army. "I don't hold anything against anyone in the Army. Congress passed this law," he said.

"He served with honor and distinction to the end of his term, which directly undercuts the rationale for the Gay ban," Dixon Osburn, executive director of the Servicemembers Legal Defense Network, said in an interview. "Steve May's leadership is exactly the reason the military should not be kicking out two to three people every day for being Gay." ...

In state legislative news, HB 2016,

the latest attempt to repeal laws that outlaw non-familial cohabitation and "crimes against nature," including sodomy, oral sex and non-procreational acts between consenting adults, will be taken up by the Senate Rules Committee this week, according to the bill's sponsor.

Sponsored by state Representative Steve May, R-Paradise Valley, HB 2016 would also amend the definition of "dependent" under the state tax codes. Arizona is one of twelve states that prevent unmarried heterosexual and same-sex couples from claiming dependents on their income tax forms. This technicality can increase their taxes by as much as 30 percent. This provision of HB 2016 is holding the bill up.

Several groups, including the anti-Gay Center for Arizona Policy, led by Len Munsil, to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee had argued that if May's bill is approved, the state would lose revenue, ranging from \$400,000 to \$3,000,000, depending upon the projection. According to sources, those arguments fell on deaf ears.

The saga of Arizona's Employment Non Discrimination Act, has taken yet another turn, possibly in another form.

Sponsored by state Senator Elaine Richardson, D-Tucson, Arizona ENDA would prohibit discrimination in public employment based on sexual orientation or gender identity. Richardson's bill, originally SB 1225 had to be amended to reduce the scope of coverage and allowing employers to institute a gender specific dress code.

SB 1225 took two votes to get final approval by the State Senate. SB 1225 bill went over to the Arizona House and faced a questionable future on whether it would be assigned to a committee for consideration. Supporters offered a strike everything amendment to SB 1240, inserting the language from Richardson's bill, to help get it through the Arizona House. By a 7-2 vote Thursday, April 5, the House Ways and Means Committee approved SB 1240 with the strike everything amendment but was dropped because on Thursday, April 5, SB 1225 was first read, and assigned to the House Retirement and Government Operations (RGO) Committee, but time had run out SB 1225 to get a committee hearing.

Undaunted, supporters "worked the other angles" and are offering a strike everything amendment to HB 2270, currently before the Senate Appropriations Committee, to insert the Arizona ENDA language into the bill. HB 2270 will be considered by the Senate Appropriations Committee, Wednesday, April 18. ...

The openly Gay Tempe Mayor, Neil Giuliano, facing a recall election September 11, has a challenger, of sorts, by the name of Charles Goodson, the state chairman of the Southern Party, a group that believes Dixie should be its own nation.

A.J. LaFaro, the leader of the recall effort, says a few other potential candidates have been courted, but so far no one has stepped up. "Maybe he'll stumble between now and the time of the election," LaFaro said of Giuliano. "Maybe he'll deny funding to the Girl Scouts."

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Domestic Partners Benefits Sweeping U.S. Firms

NEW YORK, NY - The New York Times reports that the trickle of domestic partnership health plans offered by just a handful of companies several years ago has turned into a steady torrent as employers act to remain competitive in a tight labor market.

The Times says that in just the first quarter of this year, more than 20 Fortune 500 companies have either adopted such policies or announced they plan to do so by July 1. That number is greater than the total for all of 2000.

This brings to 121 the total number of Fortune 500 businesses that have taken, or plan to take, this step, say Gay employee rights advocates.

The growth of private DP benefits has been accompanied by changes to company policy banning discrimination against sexual orientation. "The higher up the chain of the Fortune 500, the more likely they are to include sexual orientation in their non-discrimination policy," said Kim Mills of the Human Rights Campaign.

Mills told the newspaper that slightly more than half of all the Fortune 500, or 52 percent, ban anti-Gay bias against Gays. But among the 50 largest, 82 percent ban work place bias.

Ron Gruendl, a spokesperson for the Pittsburgh-based Mellon Financial Corp. of Pittsburgh, said his company

began offering domestic partner health insurance coverage last January 1st. "The decision was driven by considerations to prompt recruiting, rewarding, and retaining the best employees in today's job market," he said.

A survey of 570 large employers in the country confirms trends seen in the Fortune 500. Between 1997 and 2000 companies surveyed that offer DP benefits more than doubled, from 10 to 22 percent.

An additional 35 percent of the firms surveyed that did not offer the benefit said they expect to consider offering it during the next three years. "It's a domino effect," said Mills. "When you see one company in a market sector doing this, the competitors who have been waiting to go second jump in."

A good example of this was in 1999 when United Airlines, following a bitter legal battle with the city of San Francisco, agreed to offer DP benefits to its employees. All of the major domestic air carriers followed suit shortly thereafter.

In all, Mills estimates, about 3,600 businesses in the U.S. now offer DP benefits. A benefits consultant told The Times, "With the dramatic growth of domestic partner programs across a wide variety of industries, employers are discovering that the benefits, such as employee loyalty and engagement, far outweigh the costs."

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Pro-Civil Union Editorial Writer Wins Pulitzer

RUTLAND, VT (WS) - David Moats, an editorial writer for the Rutland [Vt.] Herald, was awarded a Pulitzer Prize for his editorials in support of civil unions for same-sex couples.

"I'm flying high," Moats said after the announcement as champagne was uncorked and passed around the newsroom. The paper was a strong backer of Gay marriage and of civil unions, prompting an outpouring of letters in opposition to its stand.

Moats acknowledged the concerns of opponents in his writing. "It is beyond the power of the Legislature to resolve the moral differences that exist today about Gay and Lesbian relationships and will continue to exist even after same-sex partners gain legal recognition," Moats wrote in one of his editorials. "Those moral differences are for all Vermonters to wrestle within the privacy of their spiritual domain."

Rep. Thomas Little, a backer of the civil unions law, which passed the legislature last year, said that Moats's editorials made the paper a must-read. "If an editorial is well written and gets its facts straight and shows some recognition of the opposition, it builds up a lot of credibility and influence. I think that is particularly true of the Herald," said Little, who was chairman of the judiciary committee, which drafted the law. "I'm pleased to see they've been evaluated under some pretty tough standards and been recognized."



POLITICS

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Tempe's election will cost taxpayers \$90,000 to fuel, what Arizona Republic columnist Richard Ruelas called a grudge, not homophobia which is wrong. Ruelas had followed the story from the beginning.

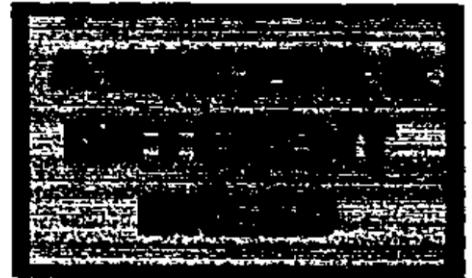
The recall drive sprang up immediately following Tempe's recent attempt to distance itself from organizations that violate its values of non-discrimination. In the wake of last year's U.S. Supreme Court decision narrowly upholding the Boy Scouts of America's right to discriminate against Gay staffers and members, the city had considered modifying the way it conducts its local United Way campaign so that city workers could use the government-coordinated giving program only as a vehicle for donations to organizations that do not discriminate. Public outcry over the proposal prevented the change, and Giuliano's office was flooded with anti-Gay e-mails and phone calls -- including death threats. The effort to remove the mayor was launched at the height of this controversy.

Recall leader A.J. LaFaro has claimed not to be targeting Giuliano's orientation, citing several additional issues as a pretext for the movement. LaFaro's claims are questionable, since the issues he cited had been addressed in earlier campaigns, and there is no effort underway to remove the non-Gay members of the City Council, despite the fact that they and Giuliano shared the same positions on the other issues.

Contributions to the campaign to defend Giuliano in the recall election should be made payable to "Neighbors for Neil," 2074 E Balboa Drive, Tempe, AZ 85282. For more information, E-mail stoptherecall@hotmail.com.

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Saturn changes signs to witty, chatty and friendly Gemini after a two year stint in placid, but stubborn Taurus. This slow moving taskmaster slogs through the zodiac dragging its whips and chains and teaches us how to submit and learn our lessons. Read ahead to see how you can perform above the curve rather than under the tracks.

ARIES

MARCH 21 - APRIL 20

Words may not come as easily to you during the Saturn transit through Gemini. Proud Aries may experience static on the line as what they say is either not clearly understood or has an unintended effect. Don't panic cousin; Saturn's stern ways will insure that whatever you need to learn in the art of free expression, you will learn well. Remember to speak queerly.

TAURUS

APRIL 21 - MAY 21

Saturn tightens your finances for the next two years, but look on the bright side; when all is said and done, you'll be much more fiscally responsible. Gay Bulls reach a crossroad; what is and is not important to you? You'll find it rather difficult to buy happiness. Learn to enjoy the simple things in life, not just the gaudily expensive. OK, you can keep the weekend house and water nymphs.

GEMINI

MAY 22 - JUNE 21

Chalk up any lack of self confidence to the Saturn transit in your own sign. Pink Twins may feel less than socially graceful at this time. Rather than hide in your room, play off Saturn's ability to provide wisdom and greet any new adventure as a wonderful learning opportunity. Then, rather than come off as an uncultured clod, you'll be appreciated as a Gay savant.

CANCER

JUNE 22 - JULY 23

Repressed facts of life will be unearthed, transformed and tossed when Saturn enters Gemini. Queer Crabs have no place to hide when any heretofore unmentionable is broadcast nationwide. Why ask why? The secret to Saturn is to not let the planet run its course unsupervised so be a willing participant. When all is said and done, you'll feel pretty damn good and incredibly affirmed.

LEO

JULY 24 - AUGUST 23

Saturn in Gemini may have you questioning what social groups you choose to hang with. How do they mesh with your personal voice? Since pink Lions are an affable sort, ask yourself if you are compromising just a little too much of your true lavender self in order to dance at a particular party. Maybe it's time for you to call your own tune or find a group that plays your song.

VIRGO

AUGUST 24 - SEPTEMBER 23

Your professional path may become strewn with thorns, thanks to prickly Saturn in Gemini. Gay Virgins should not become despondent if Saturn removes one of the rungs on the ladder to success. Use stern Saturn to learn all you can about the whys and wherefores of corporate politics and move slowly, slowly towards success. You'll be wicking the whip in good time. Ouch!

LIBRA

SEPTEMBER 24 - OCTOBER 23

The effect of Saturn in Gemini on proud Libras may not hit you immediately. Saturn's progression through the sign will gradually impact your personal philosophy and life's direction, maturing it like a fine wine. (Like sitting in the cold dank dark cellar until someone pops your cork and comments on your bouquet.) Travel to escape? Forget it. Your thoughts will travel with you.

SCORPIO

OCTOBER 24 - NOVEMBER 22

Saturn in Gemini may put a crimp in your love life but don't despair Gay Scorp. The planets have a way of teaching you a lesson where you most need one. Obviously you are not getting all you need to get out of love relationships. Is it because you have a few personal roadblocks to overcome? Saturn now provides a bulldozer. Tear down the old to build anew.

SAGITTARIUS

NOVEMBER 23 - DECEMBER 22

Relationships that are not build on sturdy ground may crack when surly Saturn enters flippant Gemini. Expect an earthquake or five in even strong partnerships. Intensely proud Archers can feel an overriding need for freedom at the expense of connection. Saturn is now suggesting that a little give and take is an advisable option. Remember, only the cheese stands alone.

CAPRICORN

DECEMBER 23 - JANUARY 20

Day to day tasks have all the allure of a hangnail for any self respecting queer Cap. Now, as Saturn traverses Gemini, every little bit of job minutia grates like a nail on glass. There is a lesson to be learned here somewhere. Get your life in order cousin and do what you are supposed to do when you are supposed to do it. Don't put off until tomorrow what you can slam dunk today.

AQUARIUS

JANUARY 21 - FEBRUARY 19

Aqueerians are not known for let loose behavior so Saturn in Gemini will not have the same dampening effect on social skills as it has with other signs. In fact, this transit may even sharpen your already acute wit and wisdom. Lucky ducks can play off the stern Saturn energy by funneling their talents into the fine arts especially writing and performing. Do I smell Oscar?

PISCES

FEBRUARY 20 - MARCH 20

Saturn in Gemini can bring family relationships to a new level (higher or lower). Guppies with an overriding need to build bridges with relatives may have a tougher time than expected during this transit. But good things come from hard efforts, so they say. If you want reconciliation, Saturn enables you to (eventually) achieve it. Compromise, however, should not be in the stars.

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a day for only 10 days. Some HIV/AIDS patients might begin taking their pills at 6 a.m. and take up to 20 or 30 pills in the course of the day." However, he said that studies show people are more adherent if they only have to take medication twice a day with fewer pills on each occasion, than if they are required to take medication three or more times a day.

The survey asked those who are on medication to indicate how difficult it is to follow their drug plan. Of the 99 people who said it was more difficult than they thought it would be (34 percent of 293 responding), 43 percent said it became difficult to take their drug regimen after the first year, 21 percent said after the first day, 7 percent said after the first week, and 15 percent after the first month. Reasons for it becoming difficult at that point were (in descending order of mentions) "side effects," "too many pills," "food ~ "interferes with daily ~ "frequency of having to take the pills," "timetable for taking the pills," "pills are a reminder that I'm sick," "pills are too large," "interferes with lifestyle," "taking pills in public," "complexity of the routine," "interferes with job," "keeping the pills cold," "water restrictions" and "mixing the drugs according to directions."

"As a drug manufacturer we obviously are greatly concerned about making effective medication that people can and will take," said Amy Keller, International Product Development Team leader for GlaxoSmithKline. "This survey reinforces our belief that a key goal should be fewer pills that are simple to take."

A series of questions assessed how their physician or health provider prepared the HIV+ respondents for taking anti-HIV/AIDS drugs. One out of every four of the 278 respondents said there was no preparation given by their physician prior to starting their drug regimen. Another 36 percent of 291 respondents said they were not mentally prepared to start their drug plan.

The survey indicates a high level of understanding by respondents of the importance of strictly complying with an anti-HIV drug regimen. When asked "How important is it for an individual to stay with the prescribed anti-HIV/AIDS drug plan," 85 percent of 370 responding rated it 8-10, with 10 being "very important." "Only 3 percent rated it 0-2. In response to "How closely does a person have to follow doctor's orders for anti-HIV/AIDS drugs to work at the highest level," 90 percent of 368 responding rated it 8-10, and no one rated it below a 5. A full 41 percent of 362 respondents believed incorrectly that no doses of an anti-HIV/AIDS drug could be skipped or else the treatment becomes ineffective. Though an ideal goal, it is equally important for patients not to give

up trying to adhere to a drug regimen because an occasional dose is missed.

The average time survey respondents had been on anti-HIV/AIDS drugs was 6 years, 7 months, with 9 percent on therapy under 2 years and 28 percent on therapy 10 years or more. Thirty-four percent of the 292 respondents said they were taking 5 drugs or more; 16 percent were taking 4; 40 percent, 3; and 9 percent, 2 drugs. No one indicated taking only 1 drug.

The respondent group (371 individuals) was 73 percent male and 27 percent female; 59 percent were under age 35, and 41 percent age 35 and over. Some 23 percent had a four-year college degree or more, with another 53 percent having some college or a two-year degree. Fourteen percent reported earning more than \$100,000 with 17 percent earning between \$50,000 and \$99,999; 33 percent earned less than \$20,000. A total of 88 percent identified as Caucasian, 5 percent as African-American and 5 percent as Hispanic.

The survey was conducted in September 2000 to assess the attitudes and HIV/AIDS treatment adherence practices of HIV+ individuals. Savitz Research managed and tabulated the data, which were collected through a written questionnaire and an Internet survey. The questionnaire went to a National Family Opinion (NFO) databank of 2,500 households that had previously indicated having a member who is HIV+. Completed questionnaires were received from 1,491 (60 percent). Of those, 341 respondents identified themselves as HIV+, which NFO attributes to the sensitive and very private nature of this disease. The Internet survey was fielded by Greenfield Online to a databank of 2,602 individuals who had volunteered to be surveyed on the Web. Thirty individuals identified themselves as HIV+ and their responses were added to the NFO survey totals. All respondents were ensured confidentiality.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) HIV Prevention Strategic Plan Through 2005 estimates that 800,000 to 900,000 individuals in the United States have HIV, about a third of whom are not aware they are infected. Another 40,000 become newly infected each year. Approximately 350,000 patients are currently on anti-HIV drug regimens.

GlaxoSmithKline is a pharmaceutical industry leader in HIV research and therapies. The company is engaged in basic research programs designed to investigate new targets to treat HIV.

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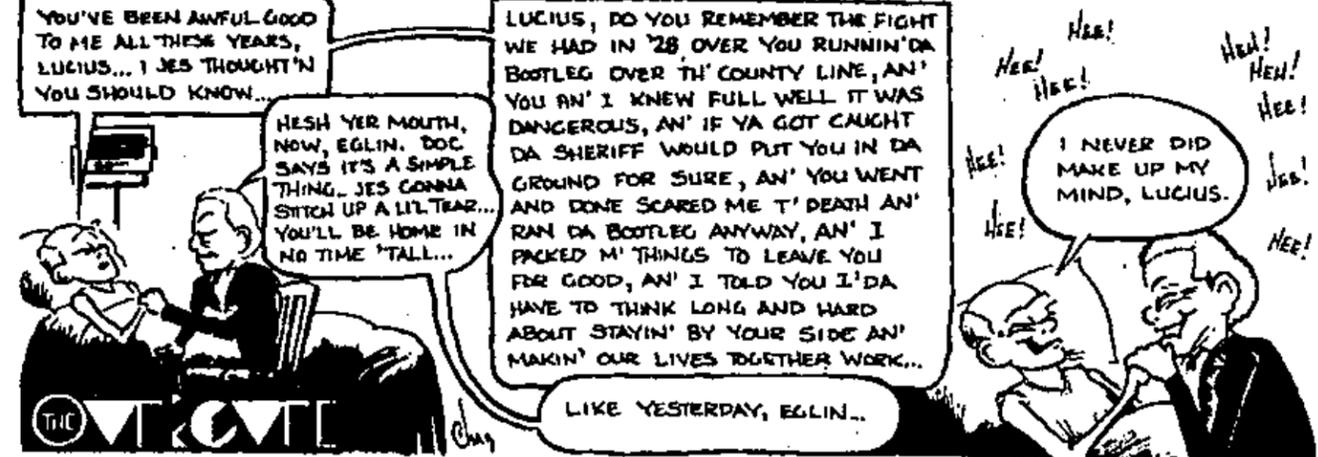
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LIKE YESTERDAY, EGLIN...

I NEVER DID MAKE UP MY MIND, LUCIUS.

Entertainment Brief . . .

The three-day auction of furniture, art, and clothing design sketches belonging to slain fashion designer Gianni Versace netted over \$10 million, reports Reuters. The most expensive of the 600 lots was a painting by Antoine Dubost called *Le Retour d'Helene*, which fetched \$236,750, substantially more than the \$150,000 pre-sale high estimate. A suite of armchairs and ottomans upholstered in fabric designed by Versace went for nine times the high estimate, or \$75,000. Proceeds from the auction will benefit PAX, a New York-based group that promotes gun safety; the Arlington, Va.-based National Center for Victims of Crimes; and an endowed scholarship at New York's Fashion Institute of Technology.

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Rebellious!	19.0	30.0
Mamas Family	18.0	31.0
Erratica 5	18.0	31.0
The Nut Sack	10.0	39.0

SEASON ACHIEVEMENTS

High Average: Keith D., 216; JoAnn S., 178; The Breeders, 546.

High Series Scratch: Keith D., 768; JoAnn S., 667; Rebellious!, 1817.

High Game Scratch: Keith D./Jeff T., 300; JoAnn S., 265; Rebellious!, 670.

High Series Handicap: Jack S., 781; Kristen S., 753; Rebellious!, 2027.

High Game Handicap: Keith D./Jeff T., 300; Kristen S., 293; Slutopoly, 741.

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Homophobia Causes LGBT Youth To 'Shut Down'

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 for power or money."

The story of panelist Tony Hall, 30, an employee of the youth outreach organization, SHINE, underscored how destructive it can be to deprive Gays and Lesbians of normal adolescent development. "After high school, I didn't date any guys under 30," he explained. "And I didn't know how to negotiate a sexual relationship." As a result, Hall became infected with HIV at age 21. "Now I have such strong issues to be dealing with everyday," he added. "I will always be dealing with them. It's sad."

One way to help young Gays and Lesbians is to provide them with age-appropriate venues in which to meet and socialize, said Verna Eggleston, the executive director of the Hetrick-Martin Institute, the world's oldest and largest multi-service agency dedicated to LGBT youth. "Teens and young people fall in love about 56 times a week. The good news is they don't have to fall in love in a bar." The Institute is one of several places in New York City that offers LGBT youth this kind of social environment.

However, meaningful changes cannot take place without the help of school faculty and administrators. "LGBT teens are harassed everyday. Teachers don't intervene. Some teachers use words like 'faggot' and 'dyke,'" said Jennings. Laws and sensitivity training will make the difference, but the laws are not in place and teachers are not trained in LGBT youth issues, he added. "The system has a long way to go."

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Non-Bar Calendar

Groups / Clubs / Organizations

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 18

Bears of the Old Pueblo Coffee etc. on Campbell and Glenn. Coffee, food, conversation. 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

THURSDAY, APRIL 19

Tucson Prime Timers 9:00am breakfast at The Good Egg, 7219 E. Speedway (at Kofb). Call 529-9344 for details.

Poz Cafe Monthly Luncheon- providing a delicious lunch, along with friendship, games and social activities. Open to all HIV+ adults and one adult guest (partner, family, friend or volunteer respecting confidentiality/privacy concerns). Doors open at 11:30 - complimentary lunch is served at Noon - and games, crafts and social time until 2:30. Located at St. Francis in the Foothills United Methodist Church, a Gay-friendly church at the corner of River and Swan. RESERVATIONS REQUESTED. To reserve your space or request transportation, call the TIHAN office at 299-6647 by Monday, April 16.

FRIDAY, APRIL 20

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. It's a chance to meet 60-75 new faces. Simply bring \$5.00 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, April 19 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).

Bears of the Old Pueblo Dinner Out at China Star, 4790 E. Grant at Swan. RSVP to Mark Dobie 573-6425 by the 18th.

SATURDAY, APRIL 21

Bears of the Old Pueblo Tucson Weekly Club Crawl 6:00 p.m. Meet at Cafe Quebec, 121 E. Broadway for dinner then heading out to various venues. For more info call Alan Nitray 323-7156.

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m.ish. Bill hosts another Theater Outing to see "Breaking Legs" - a comedy about a man who tries to get the Mafia to underwrite his play. For reservations and directions, please call Bill at 546-7539.

SUNDAY, APRIL 22

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 1:00 p.m. Join Lloyd for another trek to the Tanque Verde Guest Ranch for a wonderful Sunday Brunch. For more information, please contact Lloyd at 792-8537.

MONDAY, APRIL 23

Tucson Prime Timers 1:00pm luncheon at Wildcat House, 1801 N. Stone Ave. 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, APRIL 24

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Join Perry as he hosts Bridge Night. Beginners and seasoned players are welcomed. For reservations and directions, please call Perry at 321-4387.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 25

Tucson Prime Timers 1:00pm luncheon at New Super China Buffet, 1160 N. Wilcox at Speedway. Call 529-9344 for details.

1. Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Help us in getting out the newsletter for the coming month. It's quick and simple, and you get to know the guys you're working with! We also have door prizes and dessert. For reservations and directions, please call Jerry or Les at 690-9565.

2. Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 8:00 p.m. Join us as we show "Spin The Bottle"-a film about 5 former friends who meet up again after 10 years-and one of them has a plan that will change everything. For reservations and directions, please call Les or Jerry at 690-9565.

Bears of the Old Pueblo Coffee Etc. on Campbell & Glenn. Coffee, food and conversation.

FRIDAY, APRIL 27

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.

SATURDAY, APRIL 28

Bears of the Old Pueblo, 3-7 p.m. Picnic at Toumey Park (19th Street and Venice Avenue). Burgers, hot dogs, & sodas provided. Volleyball, horseshoes, croquette, good music and company. The Bears will be near the middle of the park on the 19th Street side.

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Pinochle 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 297-3669.

MONDAY, APRIL 30

Tucson Prime Timers 1:00pm luncheon at Wildcat House 1801 N. Stone Ave. 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.

BAR CALENDAR

OF UPCOMING EVENTS

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 18

IBTS - 9:00 p.m. it's "The Girle Show" hosted y Lucinda Holliday and featuring Bunny FuFu, Hanna Bump and special guest.

SATURDAY, APRIL 21

VENTURE-N - Bears of the Old Pueblo host a Beer Bust and Chili Feed on the back patio 3:00 to 7:00 p.m. 75¢ Beer & Soda draughts, \$1.75 pitchers and \$1.00 bowls oooof the Bears famous chili. All tips benefit our community while having a great afternoon with the Bears.

SUNDAY, APRIL 22

IBTS - Party line-up includes Jeff's Bloody Mary Recovery Bar from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Karaoke with Billy Dee on the patio from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m., Benefit Bar-B-Que / Beer Bust from 5:30 to 8:00 p.m. This weeks proceeds go to Gay Men's Health Project. Then at 9:00 p.m. a special fund raising show for GMHP hosted by Aja Simone and featuring Mr. Kenneth Blake, Faith Michaels, Jannee Starr, Toni Steele and Miss Saigon.

VENTURE-N - Bears of the Old Pueblo pitch in to cook the 'Boss Burgers here from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Suggested donation \$2.00 with tip proceeds going to the PWA Foodbank.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 25

IBTS - Special Miss Gay Tucson Pre-Pageant Show hosted by Lucinda Holliday and starring Bunny FuFu and Mr. Kenneth Blake and special guests.

SATURDAY, APRIL 28

IBTS - Miss Gay Tucson America Pre-Pageant Show. 9:00 p.m. More Later.

SUNDAY, MAY 5

WOODY'S - Summer's here and that means it's time again for the Reno Gannon Jell-O Wrestling festivities. The big fundraiser for the Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation (SAAF) will take place here. Watch for more information and be sure to pick up your Jell-O Wrestling Packets now.



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TUESDAY, MAY 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.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 2

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Join Jorge as he hosts Dinner Out at P.F. Chang's. Seating is limited, so call early. For reservations and directions, please call Jorge at 869-7219.

Bears of the Old Pueblo 7-9 p.m. Coffee Etc. on Campbell & Glenn. Coffee, food, conversation. Everyone is welcome.

FRI-SAT-SUN, MAY 4-5-6.

Bears of the Old Pueblo Sedona Campout. This annual event sees over 50 Bears and buddies camping in the forest above scenic Oak Creek canyon. Full details on Club Web Page of Infoline 790-5775.

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 8pm 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 sirloin 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 9pm to close. DJ Rayman plays house music 9pm to close. All drink specials not available during special events.

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

WOODY'S - Open Noon. Happy Hour 3-7pm. Karaoke w/Billy Dee 8pm to close. Special drink prices 8pm to close for American Airlines - American Express - ADL 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 toumey 7:30pm. \$3 entry, pot matched. \$1.50 longnecks for pool players. \$2 Pitchers all nite. Country music with DJ S. 8:30 to closing.

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. Skyy's the limit \$2.25.

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

Wednesday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BUSINESS - Happy Hour 2-4-1 from 2-7. Dance Music with DJ S. 9pm-close. \$2 Long Island and \$1 Puckers all night.

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. Hot Dogs 50¢. \$1.50 small pitcher Bud & Bud Light 5-9pm. 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 Kamikazees 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 6pm

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 Martinis \$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 6pm.

WOODY'S - Open Noon. Happy Hour 3-7pm. Pool Toumey 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.

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

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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 8:30 pm at St. Francis in the foothills Church, Swan and River Road, Room 43. For more information call the church at 299-9083 and ask for a contact person.

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SOFTBALL - For info on the Tucson Greater Softball Association T.G.S.A., please contact Mary 770-9979 or Berie 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 299-6647.

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

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

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

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

TUCSON LESBIAN/GAY ALLIANCE (TLGA) meets on the second Tuesday at Wingspan, 300 E. 6th Street at 7pm. 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. 684-7083.

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

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

DESERT DUNGEON TUCSON'S 100% CONSENSUAL Pan-Fetish, Pan-Sexual, Informational, Educational, Safe Space for the B&D, S&M, D&S and TV community. Call us at (520)325-0131, or <http://www.azds.net/dd>

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)

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

TUCSON CATHOLIC GAY & LESBIAN FAMILY MINISTRY. Currently meeting the 4th Monday of every month at SS Peter & Paul Church, Madonna Hall 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Fr. Fiedler in attendance every meeting and willing to speak one on one. Reaching out to Parents and Families. For more info call Doc or Barbara 293-6524.

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 888-5541

LESBIAN AND GAY AL-ANON - Affected by someone's drinking? Meeting every Tuesday 8:45 to 9:45 p.m. at Lambda Center, 2940 E. Thomas, Phoenix. Ellie 581-8850 or Ronn 968-2384.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE GROUP - Outreach to Gay and Lesbian people in Arizona. Meets monthly. Write to P.O. Box 693, 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 889-7298.

NOTICES

GAY & LESBIAN SPIRITUALITY GROUP of St. Phillips in the Hills Episcopal Church meets first and third Mondays. Call David, 323-7843 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 Armory Park Senior Center, 220 S. 6th Ave. Call 781-9682.

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

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

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 8:30-9:00 p.m. at Comenstone Fellowship Social Hall, 2902 N. Geronimo (near 1st Ave. and Laguna). Open to All. Call Liz at 325-9466 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 299-6647.

LESBIAN/GAY/BI-SEXUAL OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS. Saturdays 1 to 2pm new location Wingspan, 300 E. 6th St. Contacts 325-8678 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 791-7678.

GRACE GROUP - CATHOLIC GAY/LESBIAN SUPPORT GROUP meets every 2nd and 4th Monday at 7:30 p.m. in the Madonna Hall at Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Church, 1436 N. Campbell across from University Hospital. For more info. Call Ernie Slaight 721-2003.

SMART (Self Management And Recovery Training) a free non-12-step self-help alternative for people working to overcome addictive and other emotional problems meets in Tucson Monday thru Thursdays at different locations. For more information about SMART, contact Brenda at 884-9920, Ext.448 or Emmett 322-6057 (evellen@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 6:03 pm on 91.3 FM, Community Radio KXCI. The show "This Way Out", a nationally syndicated Lesbian and Gay radio show is aired at 5:30 pm every Wednesday.

THEATER / DINNER / ETC! Non-Smoking Lesbian Network meets every 3rd Saturday night of each month. If you'd like to meet women 35+ (flexible) and socialize in a smoke-free environment 888-8010 before 10:00 p.m. The group dines out and attends shows or movies. Now in their 16th year! (2nd in Tucson).

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

"MEN-YOU-GUM" a J/O group meets every Saturday 6pm. \$5 fee per meeting. For information call between the hours of 5 & 10pm 808-2694. 872

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Man To Man: Making New Friends In Tucson

By Marc Haberman, MT, BA

TUCSON - What is new and exciting in your life now? If the answer is not much, ask yourself why? Do you feel that you are repeating the same old mundane stuff each day? Maybe a new friend would add some excitement to your life. Why not?

If you are tired of bars, social groups that are not what you want, and the same old games are on the Internet, then try something new. Foremost you must be committed to doing what it takes to meet new friends, which requires some effort on your part. There is a new men's group forming that will serve the purpose of a sort of do-it-yourself for meeting men. The focus of the group is actually meeting men and getting to know them in the group and other ways of making contact. The purpose is companionship, building new relationships, adding excitement to your life, having fun, finding more meaning and fulfillment daily and education.

There will be an opportunity to studying tantric erotic techniques to improve your sex life, better communication, nurturing touch and massage, and how to attract people to yourself naturally. One of the people involved is Marc Haberman, a long time therapist and counselor and promoter of men's groups for the past 18 years in Tucson. The group is in the forming stages and would appreciate your input and interest. If you are committed to making your life more exciting and fulfilling, call (520) 881-4582.



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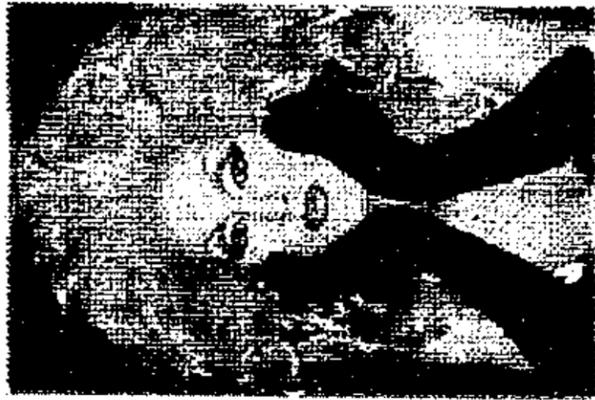
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