

Tucson Launches Independent Investigation Of Assault On Gay Man By Fire Fighter

TUCSON (ON) - According to documents obtained by the Observer, the City of Tucson has launched an independent investigation of the incident involving an off-duty Tucson Fire Fighter, Franchot Opela, who was convicted of assault of an openly Gay man, Fabian Padilla, at the Risky Business Bar, February 9, 2000.

A memorandum, dated August 3, 2001, from Tucson City Manager, James Keene, was sent out to the Mayor and Council on the subject, entitled, "Tucson Fire Department (TFD), Actions Taken/Next Steps As A Follow-Up to Assault Case."

In the memorandum, Keene states that there has been "great interest and attention on the Tucson Fire Department and its commitment to diversity" resulting from the assault case. He adds that the Tucson Fire Chief, Dan Newburn, had advised him of "the actions he has taken and the next steps he has set in motion to follow up on issues that have arisen surrounding this matter."

Continuing on, Keene said that, "while aspects of this situation are personal matters that need to remain confidential, I am able to communicate to you the following information which demonstrates the serious focus and attention that this situation has prompted."

Keene mentioned the July 17 meeting between the City of Tucson Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender (GLBT) Commission and Newburn, for which the GLBT Commission approved a series of recommendations to Newburn, including: for Newburn to send out a memorandum to Tucson Fire Department personnel, "underscoring commitment to diversity as a core value of the fire department and the absolute expectation that it will be honored and demonstrated at all times, in word in deed."

Another recommendation by the GLBT Commission, Keene said, was diversity training, for which "the Fire Chief and the City's Equal Opportunity Office Direc-

tor (Sylvia Campoy) have initiated a plan that will result in diversity training offered at TFD within the next three months, with all personnel receiving the training within an 18-month period." "While diversity training is a standard that has been offered in the Fire Department in the past," Keene wrote, "this will be an extra effort that will reinforce and strengthen previous efforts." According to the memorandum, "the training is research based and incorporates training to address all classes protected against discrimination within the City's non-discrimination mandates."

Tucson Fire Chief Newburn, Keene said, has been "in consultation with the City Attorney's Office has determined that it would be desirable to obtain an independent review of the incident." According to sources within Tucson City Hall, an independent investigation was the option due to the fact, that the incident had taken place 18 months prior (February 2000) and that no action was taken by the previous Fire Chief, Fred Shipman, on the matter. It had been previously reported in the Observer, that Opela is married to Shipman's daughter.

The City has hired attorney Gloria Ybarra to: investigate the facts surrounding the incident; review City and Department policy regarding off-duty misconduct and how these rules have been applied prior to the incident; review case law regarding discipline of fire fighters for off-duty misconduct and making recommendation concerning the possible range of disciplinary actions; and, recommend "refinements" to City policies and rules regarding off-duty misconduct.

Ybarra is with the law firm of Ybarra Pedrini PLLC, and specializes in the area of Employment Law and has performed similar reviews for other municipalities. She served as Special Counsel for Civil Rights under Arizona Attorney General Janet Napolitano and Civil Rights Division Chief Counsel under Arizona Attorney General Grant Woods. Ybarra was also a Superior Court Judge for the State of Arizona for six years.

Legal To Fire G/L Workers Court Rules

PHILADELPHIA, PA - A federal appeals court has ruled that Gay and Lesbian workers discriminated against because of their sexual orientation may not sue under federal sex discrimination laws.

The Philadelphia Inquirer reports a three-judge panel of the U.S. Court of Appeals ruled unanimously last week that it is up to Congress to write that protection into Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

"Harassment on the basis of sexual orientation has no place in our society," wrote U.S. Circuit Judge Maryanne Trump Barry. "Congress has not yet seen fit, however, to provide protection against such harassment."

The Third Circuit supported a judge's decision last year throwing out John Bibby's lawsuit against the Philadelphia Coca-Cola Bottling Co. Bibby sued the

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Polls Show Reduction Of Soldiers Opposition To Gays

SANTA BARBARA, CA- growing visibility of Gays and Lesbians in a variety of American institutions has helped to reduce opposition to permitting them to serve in the military, according to scholars and pollsters who study the topic. The release of a new batch of surveys and academic studies offers fresh evidence that Americans' attitudes toward Gay service members are changing.

For the first time, polls now show a majority of Americans in favor of allowing Gays to serve 'openly' in the military. In a new study to be published this fall by MIT Press, two military sociologists report that 56% of the general public responded affirmatively to a survey asking if they thought Gay men and Lesbians should be allowed to serve 'openly' in the armed forces. Ever since "don't ask, don't tell" introduced a distinction between serving openly and serving in the closet, all subsequent polls have shown public support for letting Gays serve, but only if they kept their sexual orientation private.

"The military is a reflection of the society it exists to defend," says Loyola University Chicago Professor John Allen Williams, co-author of the MIT study, "and American society is becoming more tolerant of different lifestyle choices. Sooner or later these changes will filter into the military. They will not be without problems, and it will be up to people of good will to work them out." The second co-author of the MIT study is UCLA Professor Laura Miller.

In a related trend, anti-Gay sentiment within the military has declined over the last decade. A March, 2000 study by Major John W. Bicknell of the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, CA found that between 1994 and 1999, the percentage of U.S. Navy officers who "feel uncomfortable in the presence of homosexuals" decreased from 57.8% to 36.4%. According to another poll, since 1992 the percentage of U.S. Army men who "strongly oppose" Gays serving in uniform dropped newly in half, from 67% to 37%. The percentage of army women "strongly opposed" to Gay troops fell from 32% to 16%.

Armando Estrada, a psychologist at the University of Texas, measured male Marines' attitudes toward homosexuals in a 1999 study and found that on a scale of 0 to 100, the Marines' average score was 47.52. "The specific number is not particularly significant," says Nathaniel Frank, Director of Communications at the Center for the Study of Sexual Minorities in the Military, "but the larger point is that mild dislike, not hatred, seems to characterize the feelings of the average enlisted Marine about his Gay comrades." New polling data also indicate that Republicans have demonstrated a growing acceptance of Gays and

Lesbians in the military. Early this summer, the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force released a study by Alan Yang, a political scientist at Columbia University, that analyzed 2000 National Election Survey data. The study, which polled 1,807 adults during the fall of 2000, shows that 65.7% of Republicans now support the right of Gays and Lesbians to serve in the military, up from the 57% of self-described "conservatives" who favored Gay troops in 1996.

Interestingly, according to a May, 2001 Gallup Poll, while a majority of Americans believe that homosexuality is an "acceptable alternative lifestyle," most Americans have the impression that others find it unacceptable. That is, even those who identify as tolerant of Gays and Lesbians themselves, believe the rest of the country is not as tolerant.

"Given that the primary rationale for the ban on openly Gay soldiers is that most military personnel are intolerant of Gays," says Mr. Frank, "these polling data raise serious questions about the motivation and purpose of 'don't ask, don't tell.'"

Road Runner Regional Rodeo At New Location For 2002

PHOENIX - AGRA's (Arizona's Gay Rodeo Association) Phoenix Chapter's 2002 Road Runner Regional Rodeo is moving. Jan 18-20th 2002 will find the rodeo staged at RAWHIDE, Wild West Town in Scottsdale, AZ. Rawhide is located at Scottsdale and Pinnacle Peak Roads.

At the June 10th membership meeting, members voted to change the venue from the Corona Ranch & Rodeo grounds where the rodeo had been held for the past 16 years.

Rodeo Director Bob Pimentel, Jr. says moving to Rawhide, the Wild West Town is only one of the exciting changes for the 2002 Road Runner Regional Rodeo. Rawhide, Wild West Town is a first rate facility. There are 2 Arena's, for rodeo events plus a warm up arena which is a real plus for contestant and something that hasn't been available at past RRRR rodeo's.

The pavilion, which will host Dance, Entertainment and Vendors, is three times the size of the previous location. There is enough vendor space for more than 200 vendors. The stage is a professional setup including lighting and dressing rooms. Another great feature is that the pavilion has both Air Conditioning and Heating.

The use of RV's by contestants to travel across the country & Canada to rodeo

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UPDATE

Tucson's Rev. Joyce Cook Receives Award

TUCSON - Water of Life MCC Pastor Joyce Cook received the Phoenix Award at the General Conference of Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches (UFMCC) in Toronto. The Phoenix Award honors Joyce Cook for Leadership in Church Renewal; taking a dying Water of Life MCC and turning it into a Church of Abundance.

Rev. Joyce Cook first came to Tucson in February of 1997. At this time, the fate of Water of Life MCC was questionable. The UFMCC was ready to shut the doors of this struggling church. Under the watchful eye of Elder C.T. Friesen, Ms. Cook became the Interim Pastoral Leader, traveling back and forth every week from Phoenix. In 1998, Ms. Cook was installed as the Pastor of Water of Life MCC; Elder Troy Perry, Founder and Moderator of the world wide UFMCC, officiated. In 1999, Pastoral Leader Joyce Cook was ordained Reverend here in Tucson. Membership & attendance has never been higher.

In August of 2000, the Water of Life MCC received its charter back. In November of 2000, this church that was almost closed down for good, celebrated its 30th Anniversary. The Water of Life MCC truly has risen as a Phoenix from the ashes, now being a viable part of the community.

Water of Life MCC of Tucson is located at 3269 North Mountain Avenue, between Fort Lowell and Prince Roads. All are cordially invited to attend services every Sunday at 10:15 a.m. For more information, call the church office at (520) 297-9151.

Wingspan Community Potluck Dinner & Dialogue Aug. 30

TUCSON - Are you ready for a meaningful, cross-cultural dialogue? Wingspan, City of Tucson GLBT Commission, Gay Men's Health Project, and the YWCA present "It's Time to Talk Race," a community potluck dinner and dialogue, August 30, 6:00 to 9:00 p.m., at the Sentinel Building, 320 N. Commerce Park Loop.

The forum on race will provide opportunities to: Share and increase your own awareness around issues of race. Increase your organization's commitment to diversity and build alliances with organizations.

The program will include short skits followed by a facilitated dialogue at each table. The event is free, seating is limited, so RSVP's are strongly encouraged. You may RSVP to dvdirector@wingspanaz.org or call Cathy, (520) 624-1779.

Positions Available At TIHAN

TUCSON - The Tucson Interfaith HIV/AIDS Network, a coalition of faith communities committed to a compassionate response to HIV/AIDS, are seeking qualified individuals for the following positions:

Program Coordinator - to oversee and support its volunteer-based services and programs. Preferred background in program administration, social services, and volunteer coordination, with substantial knowledge of HIV and accompanying issues. 20 hours per week, flexible schedule, benefit package. Pay range \$8-10 per hour depending on experience.

Director of Education to coordinate HIV/AIDS awareness and education programs. Preferred background in program administration, volunteer coordination, and curriculum planning, with substantial knowledge of HIV and accompanying issues. Full-time position, flexible schedule, benefit package. Pay range \$20,800-\$24,960 commensurate with experience.

For both positions, submit a resume and list of three references to TIHAN, 492 North Alvernon Way, Tucson, Arizona, 85711 or e-mail to employment@tihan.org. AA/EEOE

SAAF Needs Massage Therapists

TUCSON - The Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation (SAAF), is in need of massage therapists and bodyworkers to volunteer at our two bodywork clinics for people with HIV/AIDS.

At our clinics SAAF provides a private, clean office environment for you to work in. SAAF provides the tables, linens, lotion and music for you to conduct your massage. SAAF also provides staffed volunteers who set up all the appointments.

If interested, or for more information, contact Curt Beall, (520) 877-9161.

Scouting For All Rally August 22

TUCSON - A coalition of community groups and individuals will rally, Rally will be at the International Arts Center, 516 N. Fifth Avenue, Wednesday, August 22, 7:00 p.m., to protest and seek an end to the Boy Scouts' policy of anti-Gay discrimination.

Tucson's protest will one of many rallies held during the week and sponsored by the national "Scouting For All" group, www.scoutingforall.org.

The rally will open and close with a color guard led by University of Arizona

Pride Alliance former boy scouts. If you don't know what a color guard is, you weren't a boy scout, and come find out anyway.

For more information, contact Nancy Robinett, at: Nancy.Robinett@az-bar.org or (520) 670-9500.

POZ Cafe Aug. 16

TUCSON - People living with HIV are invited to Poz Cafe, a complimentary lunch along with social and recreational activities on Thursday, August 16.

Poz Cafe is located at St. Francis in the Foothills UMC (corner of Swan and River Roads). Doors open at 11:30 a.m., with lunch served at noon. Following lunch there will be several games of Bingo (with prizes!), other board and card games, or a chance to be creative with crafts, or just sit and chat with friends. Game, social and craft time will end at 2:30 p.m.

Volunteers from Grace St. Paul's Episcopal Church are hosting a lunch that will feature Cold Curried Chicken and Rice Salad, or Green Salad with an assortment of dressings, Selection of Rolls, and Melon Slices. The dessert will be Pineapple Upside Down Cake and Vanilla Ice Cream. A selection of beverages, including iced tea and coffee will be available, and a hospitality table with punch and snacks.

Like all TIHAN programs, it's Gay-friendly, free of charge, and no proselytizing or evangelizing is permitted. Each HIV+ person may have one adult guest accompany them if they so choose. (Each guest-partner, spouse, friend, volunteer-will be reminded of confidentiality concerns.)

Reservations are requested and transportation can be provided with advance notice simply through one phone call to the TIHAN office. For more information about POZ Cafe, or to make your reservations or request transportation, call the TIHAN office at (520) 299-6647 by August 13. Transportation deadline is Wednesday, Noon, August 15.

Film Fest 2001 Gamers Grant

TUCSON - The 7th Annual Wingspan Tucson Lesbian and Gay Film Festival has received the largest Grant in the festival's history. The grant was given by the Tucson Pima Arts Council (TPAC) and it's Grant Advisory Board.

The festival was applauded as a major outreach to the various sectors of our GLBT community as well as the Tucson community in general, associating itself in the past with such organizations as: AZ AIDS Education and Training Center, Amazon Foundation, Tucson Jewish Film Festival, SAAF and "Gay Men's Health Project.

This year's festival which will take place October 18 through the 21st, 2001, has already found sponsorship by the Tucson Jazz Society, ACCESS Tucson, Wingspan Domestic Violence Center, GMHP, GLSEN (Gay, Lesbian and Straight Education Network) and the Arizona Media Arts Center.

The OUTWest 2001 Festival has once again scheduled film works that represent the diversity of our community. Allowing the film viewer strong insights into the homophobia in the Latin community and the reality of Lesbian domestic violence. A first time look at such aspects of our community as GLBT Physically challenged, the times and lives of Queer music makers, and

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ENTERTAINMENT BRIEFS

CBS has entered into a holding deal with out actor Nathan Lane to develop a project for him, should Lane choose to pursue series work after he completes his Broadway run in *The Producers*. The network will develop a show for the actor, possibly for the 2002-2003 season. It's not clear whether Lane will be free then or if he's even interested (he has been known to refer to his previous, short-lived show *Encore! Encore!* as *No More! No More!*), but if he should return to the small screen, it will be on CBS. ...

Universal Pictures has acquired the U.K. rights to *Women Talking Dirty*, the first release from Rocket Pictures, the production company founded by Gay pop star Elton John and his longtime partner, David Furnish. The film, which stars Helena Bonham Carter, is based on Scottish author Iain Dewar's novel about the difficulties women face in today's society. John has written the score for the movie, while the soundtrack will feature recordings from Dolly Parton, Diana Krall, Lulu, and Marianne Faithfull. *Women Talking Dirty* will be released in England on September 28. John claims to be "thrilled" that Universal is handling the release, since "they have done a wonderful job with *Bridget Jones's Diary* [in the U.K.] and have demonstrated a real ability to attract a female audience."

The works of the late Gay artist Andy Warhol are among those in the collection of art assembled by the Friends of Art and Preservation in Embassies, which will be displayed in American embassies around the world. The bulk of the collection, which consists of over 200 pieces, dates from the late 20th century and also includes works by Andrew Wyeth and Frank Stella. The assembled art is estimated to be worth around \$15 million. ...

The Triangle Television Network, which will provide radio and television programming for the Gay and Lesbian market, plans to begin broadcasting on September 5 with *Good Morning Gay America* as its anchor show, broadcast live. GMGA will be hosted by DJ and radio host Spike Chandler, who has earned a following in Los Angeles as the host of Gay and Lesbian radio programs. Streaming video of the rehearsals for GMGA will be available for viewing beginning next week on the network's Web site, www.triangletelevisionnetwork.com. ...

Sexually ambiguous pop star Boy George will make his film debut sporting what is reputed to be the largest prosthetic penis in film history. In the British independent movie *Nine Dead Gay Guys*, George plays the part of Gay underworld figure the Queen, a character known for being freakishly well-equipped. A spokesman for the production company, Nine Elms, claims, "We're delighted that we've got Boy George. And it's true—his character is extraordinarily endowed." The film, which involves a heist gone wrong in the world of Gay porn and drug distribution, also stars Steven Berkoff (*Octopussy*) and Michael Praed (*Dynasty*).

We won't be seeing the Gay sex scene featuring James Van der Beek (Dawson's Creek) in the upcoming film *Storytelling* because it has been cut by its director, Todd Solondz. The request for the scene's deletion came from Van der Beek, who found that watching himself play a closeted high school hero who manages to snag his share of sizzling Gay sex made him uncomfortable. Despite his lack of comfort, Van

der Beek is to begin filming *The Rules of Attraction*, based on the 1988 novel by Bret Easton Ellis about a romantic triangle at a small Eastern college involving an openly Bisexual male. The movie is being directed and scripted by Roger Avary (*Killing Zoe*). ...

While promoting her new series, *The Ellen Show*, at the Television Critics Association in Pasadena, Calif., Lesbian comic Ellen DeGeneres acknowledged that the media attention focused on her former relationship with the actress Anne Heche was, in part, the fault of the couple as well. *Salon.com* reports that DeGeneres admits, "We contributed to that. We didn't run away from it or hide it, so again I have to take responsibility for how much my private life became everybody's business." While DeGeneres will once again play a Lesbian on television, her new show will be geared toward the humor inherent in an urban character returning to a small town and will not be centered on her character's sexuality. ...

The comedy-murder mystery *Who Shot Victor Fox?*—originally slated for a 1999 release under the title *Unconditional Love*—will at last see the big screen this Christmas now that director P.J. Hogan has given the movie "a festive feel," according to *CanGay.com*. The film stars out actor Rupert Everett as a Gay widower who launches a search for the murderer of his late partner, played by Jonathan Pryce. The movie also stars Julie Andrews, Lynn Redgrave, and Kathy Bates. ...

Meryl Streep is in negotiations to join the cast of the HBO production of *Gay*

author Tony Kushner's epic play *Angels in America*. ... Currently on board are Mike Nichols (*Wit*) as director and Al Pacino as the likely choice to play the villainous lawyer, Roy Cohn. Streep would play the pivotal role of Hannah Pitt, a Mormon whose closeted Gay son is a Republican lawyer in Washington, D.C. Nichols is reportedly planning to produce the lengthy piece as six one-hour episodes for the cable network. A spokesperson for HBO says, however, that the miniseries is "basically still in development, so it is too early to discuss the details." ...

Out producer and writer Dan Bucatinsky said in an interview, after the screening of his comedy *All Over the Guy*, which closed this year's Outfest, the Los Angeles Gay and Lesbian Film Festival: "I think now we're starting to see what I call 'just happens to be' movies, where they are romantic comedies—just happen to be Gay—or Mafia movies—just happen to be Gay." He elaborated: "I think that calling a movie a Gay movie—those days are going to fizzle out." The film features comic actress Doris Roberts (*Everybody Loves Raymond*), a maternal television staple for years who is getting to show a new side in the film. In her role as a receptionist at an HIV center, Roberts's character suddenly asks a rather startling question about oral sex. While qualifying the line as "a medical question," Roberts also admits that "it's not something I expect my grandchildren to see." As to her costars on *Everybody Loves Raymond*, however, she can't wait for the reaction. "This is the first time in my career I've ever been this raunchy," Roberts reports. "I want them to go to the movies and pay to see it. And then hopefully to be shocked." ...

British pop star Robbie Williams is
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- 4:30 pm - 7:30 pm - Karaoke on the patio with Billy Dee
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EDITOR:

I am extremely disappointed and, quite frankly, appalled to read the article in the Aug. 1 edition regarding the "Rash of Anti-GLBT Measures". This country is taking this discrimination too far. Even if I did not live this lifestyle myself, I would still be shocked at the blatant violation of human rights. It is my feeling that due to the simple FEAR of the GLBT community, there is absolutely no thought process to any of the laws and bills that are coming up in future elections. It is simply unconstitutional.

Patriots pride themselves on bragging about this country, the freedom and its very ideals. However, the ideals get lost in the shuffle more often than not. The constitution states that everyone is entitled to "life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness." I feel that there should be a little footnote tagged on that says "but only if you are straight, white, and between the ages of 25 and 45". We are ALL people, but I guess some people deserve more rights than others. At least, this is the example our government is setting. There is a double standard that we have learned, in the past, that needs fixing. The laws that forbid a same sex marriage are the same laws, in essence, that forbade whites and blacks to marry. Did we not learn in our not-so-distant past that that was a violation of civil rights? Is this not the same thing?

Most politicians do their best to distance themselves from anyone who may be affected by these ridiculous laws, so that they will never truly feel the impact. I can almost guarantee that if these laws affected a brother, mother or child they would feel differently. When will this country wake up and smell the mocha chino and realize that the constitution was written to protect everyone, every citizen, every mother, father and child, regardless of sex, sexual orientation or sexual identity? We are being hypocritical if we do not follow and live up to that which was written, and revised, to make sure that what has happened in the past does not happen today or ever.

This is a problem that can be remedied. However, it would take more than just the GLBT community having a hissy-fit. Anyone who is a GLBT supporter, or who has someone close to them who this would directly affect, or who simply believes in equal rights for all, need to bond together and make the government realize their faults. A difference can be made, but it needs to start with you.

J.C. Ryden

Houston Council Votes To Reinstat

HOUSTON, TX - A full 17 years after the Houston City Council first passed an anti bias law to protect Gay and Lesbian municipal employees, councilmembers voted 10-4 to reinstate protections repealed by city voters in 1985.

"It is something that is long overdue and years in the making," the Houston Chronicle quotes Councilwoman Annise Parker, a Lesbian who was instrumental in getting the law passed.

Mayor Lee Brown also praised the council vote. "The Constitution guarantees that we all have the same opportunities, the same rights," he said. "As mayor, I want to make sure that I do everything in my power to make sure that that carries out as part of

city government."

Proponents of the law fended off two attempts by the council's conservative members to gut it. The first attempt came earlier this month when Councilman Bruce Tatro suggested the ordinance not specify what groups would be protected. City attorneys said the proposed change would make the law unenforceable.

Councilman Orlando Sanchez offered a similar motion. Both the Tatro and Sanchez proposals were defeated by narrow margins. "The time has come in city government ... to say that we will not discriminate against any human being based on what they do in their private lives," Councilman Jew Don Boney said.

Shortly after taking office in 1998, Brown issued an executive order banning discrimination against Gay city employees. City Councilman Rob Todd and conservative businessman Richard K. Hotze filed suit in the hopes of blocking Mayor Brown's order.

Calling the anti-bias resolution "a slap in the face of democracy," Todd and Hotze said their motivation for suing the city and Brown was to challenge the mayor's abuse of authority. The Texas Supreme Court ruled that Todd did not have the legal right to stop the executive order, and allowed the order to stand.

The Arts

NOW PLAYING THRU AUGUST 12
Borderlands Theater presents "The Wild Guys" by Andrew Wreggit and Rebecca Shaw. A hilarious comedy about being a man in an often-timed, overly-sensitive, politically correct society. Andy, a man's movement advocate, and Robin, a crystal-gazing New Ager, coax an unsuspecting grocer, and Randall, a skeptical lawyer, into participating in a weekend men's retreat in the White Mountains of Arizona. Then everything that can go wrong does! Regular performances Wed., and Thur. 7:30 p.m. Sunday 2:00 p.m. Fri. And Sat. 7:30 p.m. Tickets \$13 general, \$11 senior and 49 student. Center for the Arts, Pima Community College Black Box Theater, 2202 W. Anklam Rd. Reservations 882-7406.

NOW PLAYING THRU SEPT. 2
Live Theatre Workshop presents "Table Manners" at the Live Theatre Workshop, 5317 E. Speedway. Shows run Thu., Fri., and Sat. Nights at 7:30 p.m. And Sun. At 3:00 p.m. Tickets are \$12 with discounts for students, seniors, military personnel. Part of Alan Ayckbourn's "Norman Conquest" trilogy. "Table Manners" is a hilarious romp through would-be seduction. The other characters, Norman's in-laws et cetera, act as satellites orbiting around him in this upended universe where laughter is the only certainty.

AUGUST 9-12, 15-18
The Green Theatre Project, Tucson's queer and quirky theatre company presents "Rain: or How to Survive the Monsoon" at 8:00 p.m. at Muse (formerly the International Arts Center, 516 N. 5th Ave at 6th Street). In a remote desert town, buffeted by monsoons, seven ships passing in the night collide in an explosion of religion, sex, condemnation and mascara. Tickets are \$10 general admission, \$8 seniors, students and groups. Tickets available at the door. For reservations call 795-4322.

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by Mark R. Kerr

'Pass, Repeal and Vote Out!'

The Employment Non Discrimination Act (ENDA) has been introduced into the 107th Congress to ban workplace discrimination against homosexuals, reviving a campaign to include sexual orientation in federal civil rights protection.

"Civil rights is the unfinished business of America," Democratic Sen. Edward Kennedy of Massachusetts, the bill's chief sponsor in the Senate, said at a news conference. "It is long past time to prohibit such discrimination based on sexual orientation."

Supporters said that they expected the Senate to vote on the Employment Nondiscrimination Act this year but that it faced an uncertain future in the Republican-controlled House. In 1996, similar legislation fell one vote short of Senate approval, but the bill has never come close to passage in the House.

"The Republican leadership so far has a perfect record of not allowing anything to come to the floor that would be supportive of the rights of Gays and Lesbian people," said Rep. Barney Frank, D-MA, one of three openly Gay Members of Congress, and who will be speaking to the Arizona Stonewall Democrats in Tucson, Friday, August 10.

The bill would prohibit public and private employers from using sexual orientation as the basis of decisions to hire, fire or promote workers. It would allow workers to pursue limited remedies similar to those in such existing federal employment laws as the Americans With Disabilities Act but would not permit affirmative-action remedies for violations. Religious organizations, the military and businesses with fewer than 15 employees would not be covered by the act. Twelve states and a handful of communities, including Tucson in 1977, have made it illegal to discriminate against homosexuals in the workplace, but the bill's supporters say discrimination exists nationally.

"This is strong, badly needed legislation for countless Americans who have suffered, or who are vulnerable to, discrimination because they do not have protections similar to those afforded millions of their fellow citizens," House Minority Leader Richard Gephardt, D-MO, said in a statement. "I strongly hope that we will debate and pass this bill this year."

ENDA has been assigned a bill number in the U.S. House, H.R. 2692, and has yet to get a bill number in the U.S. Senate, as of press time. ...

A federal hate crimes act, known in this session of Congress as The Local Law Enforcement Enhancement Act, S. 625, has passed the Senate Judiciary Committee by a 12-7 vote.

S. 625 is sponsored by Senators Gordon Smith, R-OR, Edward Kennedy, D-MA, and Arlen Specter, R-PA. The Local Law Enforcement Act would broaden federal jurisdiction to include hate crimes that result in death or bodily injury, since cur-

rently, federal law only permits prosecution of a hate crime if the crime prevents the victim from exercising a federally protected right, such as voting.

Sen. Orrin Hatch, R-UT, proposed an alternate measure that did not include sexual orientation, but the Senate Judiciary Committee voted it down. ...

A sellout crowd will be packing the Doubletree Hotel in Tucson Friday, August 10, for the Arizona Stonewall Democrats dinner and fund raiser, with the proceeds going to the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender Democratic organization. Openly Gay U.S. Representative Barney Frank, D-MA, will be the featured speaker. Also attending will be U.S. Representative Ed Pastor, D-CD 2, Arizona Attorney General Janet Napolitano, the openly Gay, Arizona House Minority Leader, state Representative Ken Chevront, D-Phoenix, state Representative Gabrielle Giffords, D-Tucson, state Senator Elaine Richardson, D-Tucson, Tucson City Councilmember, Steve Leal, D-Ward 5, former Tucson Mayor, George Miller, former U.S. Representative, Jim McNulty, former Arizona Senator, George Cunningham, Tucson City Council (Ward 3) candidate, Paula Aboud, just to name many of the politicians who will be present. More next week. ...

On Wednesday, August 8, Arizona's seldom enforced, 100-year old archaic sex laws, dealing with non-familial cohabitation and non procreational sex acts are history, since the Arizona Legislature, thanks to openly Gay state Representative Steve May, R-Paradise Valley, who led the effort to get the bill through the process, approved H.B. 2016, the Equity Tax Act, and Governor Jane Hull (R), who affixed her signature on the bill, May 8. ...

During her initial campaign for Justice of the Peace, from Justice Precinct 8, Susan Bacal said in an interview with the Arizona Daily Star that if elected, "I want people to feel that they get a fair shot."

Just like the one Fabian Padilla, the openly Gay victim of the assault by the Tucson Fire Fighter, Franchot Opela, whom Bacal found Opela guilty of a misdemeanor, sentenced him to one year of unsupervised probation, 40 hours of community service, sensitivity training sponsored by the Fire Department and then suspended the \$1,500 fine. Sentencing guidelines for this crime, allowed for a fine up to \$2,500, six months in jail and three years' supervised probation. Bacal has stated this was a tough case, and the victim was after all, not a very good witness because he couldn't remember much of the attack.

Guess for whom the election bell tolls for in 2002? None other than Susan Bacal. Pima County's Justice of the Peace are elected for four-year terms, and Bacal's time is up next year. Justice Precinct 8 stretches from East Golf Links Road north to the Rillito River, between Country Club on the west and Kolb Road on the east. So the community will get their "fair shot" in this case.

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We've all heard the old saying "Be careful of what you wish," but what does it really mean? The planets serve up the answer when transforming Pluto opposes stern Saturn this week. We push against the world and, instead of pushing back, the world crash down ... on our big toe. Be prepared for any and all scenarios, friends.

ARIES

MARCH 21 - APRIL 20

Gay Aries are seekers of truth and harmony and generally have a clear vision of what they need to do to get the word out. Why is there so much static on the line now? Blame the Saturn opposition for causing problems in communications. Thankfully, you don't give up easily and by next week you'll get your point across loud, proud and queer. Amen!

TAURUS

APRIL 21 - MAY 21

Romantic rainbow Bulls have all they can do to maintain a balance between their personal values and the values of lovers now when volcanic Pluto opposes Saturn. At what point does compromise become total capitulation? You can be far too giving, compadre, and could risk being swallowed up in the passion. Ah, but then again, what a way to go!

GEMINI

MAY 22 - JUNE 21

So you've been whining to your friends about how much you want a special relationship, something magical and delicious. If tugboat Pluto drags that dreamboat into your port, expect that Saturn will demand concessions from you. Non-committal pink Twins find their wandering feet hog tied and their butts branded. Start to panic when they fire up the BBQ... Ouch!

CANCER

JUNE 22 - JULY 23

It's difficult to soar with the eagles when you are shackled to the ground. Proud Crabs are given a hard to resist job opportunity, until they realize that it will curtail their more spiritually uplifting, charitable endeavors. Saturn scorches Pluto and stresses duty over dreams and business before enlightenment. Forget about divinity, angel; the planets now cast you as dung beetle.

LEO

JULY 24 - AUGUST 23

Capture the moment when Pluto heightens creativity and Mars ignites your great Gay muse. But a spark can turn into a raging fire when Pluto opposes Saturn this week and pals barge into your act. It's hard to strut and fret your hour upon the stage when you're followed by a bunch of untalented wannabees. Be kind, Leo; A diva needs an appreciative audience, you know.

VIRGO

AUGUST 24 - SEPTEMBER 23

Pink Virgins are happiest when they can blissfully retreat into the background and blend in with the wallpaper. Unfortunately, Pluto provides a raging home fire while opposing Saturn stirs up a professional maelstrom. You need to be front and center. Both areas need to be carefully handled with sensitivity. Balance is everything; can you balance things without tipping over?

LIBRA

SEPTEMBER 24 - OCTOBER 23

Perhaps it's always been a dream of yours to be the next Liz Smith. Pluto certainly gives your thoughts a certain pizzazz and panache, but the Saturn opposition gives you a voice of tin. Queer Libras may be unable to see the forest for all the trees and may focus on the one speck that doesn't mean a darn thing. My advice: listen to some nice soothing music and don't obsess.

SCORPIO

OCTOBER 24 - NOVEMBER 22

Proud Scorps can become fairly smug and self-satisfied when it comes to their financial acumen and personal possessions. Little do they know that a bull has been released in their duty free china shop when Pluto opposes Saturn. A wilde sexual bolt out of the blue can become a rather expensive exercise. Love for sale anyone? Is it dressed in leather?

SAGITTARIUS

NOVEMBER 23 - DECEMBER 22

Mars turns on the floodlights and places you where you're the fabulous focus of everyone's attention. But do I see danger in paradise? Pluto opposes Saturn this week and casts a pall over relationships. It seems that you can't be in two places with only one tush and partners feel left out of the action. Try to find a happy balance, cousin; it's hell to sleep alone.

CAPRICORN

DECEMBER 23 - JANUARY 20

Gay Caps feel an overpowering need to give back to our community when Mars energizes charitable outreach. Pump up the karma with good Gay deeds. But no good deed goes unpunished when Pluto opposes Saturn. Pressures on the job mount and may compromise or curtail you're best efforts. Even saints have stressful days. Channel that stress. Hmm any ideas?

AQUARIUS

JANUARY 21 - FEBRUARY 19

The Gay group dynamic holds a certain charm and allure for even the most independent Aqueerians now. But Pluto opposes Saturn prevents you from playing nicely and sharing with friends. Remember, when the crowd calls for the hook, it's always better to give up the stage. Stay in the chorus and let someone else hog the limelight for a change.

PISCES

FEBRUARY 20 - MARCH 20

Guppies are not usually considered the most politically astute folks in the zodiac. Pluto and Mars now gives you considerable oomph in the corporate arena, so make the most of it. The problem is the Saturn opposition which screws up home related projects. Nobody has time to take out the garbage when they're jet setting on the company tab. Throw out the garbage next week.

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Hi Dr. X:

I've been going out with a guy for about a year now. For the most part I feel we've got a good relationship. A while back I suggested that we move in together. His response seemed to me to be a million reasons of why it wouldn't work out. After that sex seemed to fall off to about once a week plus I seem to be the one who's always calling him and going over to his place. At his request I've been faithful to him to a fault but he still gets annoyed when I talk about other guys and when I look at them, I'm starting to think of cheating on him or calling it quits. I feel I don't see him enough, hence my suggestion to move in together. But if he doesn't want to see me all that much, why is he demanding fidelity?

Frustrated

Dear Frustrated:

Your boyfriend has put you in quite the dilemma. Less sex, less time together, not wanting to move in together and yet he wants fidelity. This seems to ring of insecurity and a failure to commit. I would like to know what his reasons were for not moving in together? Were they valid reasons or did they just seem like excuses? Have you discussed with him your unhappiness around the frequency of sex and that you seem to make all the effort in contacting one another? He may be trying to tell you something without coming right out and saying it. Some people are unable to talk about problems in a relationship. Instead they give hints and hope the other will make a move. They may have a fear of confrontation or they may honestly feel there is no problem. Instead of cheating I think its time you sat down and had a heart to heart. Maybe a first step is asking what his insecurity is about when you check out other guys. Emphasize that looking and wanting are two very separate issues. With the moving issue, you may need to present a more concrete plan (assuming your last attempt was vague). What does it mean for you to live with someone? What responsibilities lie with whom? Will money be combined or separate? Who will be in charge of paying bills? Gay or straight, money is one of the biggest issues in a relationship. If he truly wants to live alone

you may need to decide what that means for you. As far as contact, maybe you need to have a standing date once a week and take turns planning it. This may seem strange but it will guarantee you will be together at least once a week and put the burden on both of you (concerning what you will do). I know I hate it when I feel I am the one always planning the fun, it gets old. If after all this talking you both agree that you want to be together but can't seem to figure out how that would work, then you may want to see a professional for some help. Hope this helps and let me know what happens.

Dear Dr. X:

I've found out through a friend that my boyfriend has been tricking around outside of our relationship. It makes me feel I'm not good enough for him or able to satisfy his needs. I don't know if I should just end our relationship or if we should discuss it. I feel discussing it wouldn't change his behavior because he obviously needs to do it behind my back. What do you think?

Signed,
RD

Dear RD:

You already know what you have to do. If you want confirmation then here it is, confront him and discuss it. You have a lot at stake. First are the safe sex issues. Is he being safe outside the relationship? If not is he being safe with you? Second are your trust and self-esteem issues. He lied to you so where do you stand? If you never discussed having an open relationship he shouldn't have gone there without some dialog with you first. When it comes to him being satisfied with you don't lose heart. Some people are sex addicts and no one person can ever satisfy them. I have found out there are two types of people, those who can be monogamous and those who can't. We should know which one we are and work that into our relationships. The biggest issue here is that your trust has been violated and you can't put that back together. I say break up with him and if you both want to be together start again with new rules. Communication is everything so when a relationship begins, do some planning and make some rules. If you both want all the freedom of being single, then stay single. Also keep in mind that you shouldn't make allowances for a lover that you wouldn't make for friends or relatives. Stay focused when you confront him. Good luck!

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

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COMMENTARY

Was It Nightline's 'Choice'?

by Tom Bettag

On Monday July 23, we said in a press release that Nightline (on ABC) would do a five part series this fall entitled "A Matter of Choice? Gay Life in America." The title clearly hit a nerve.

Viewers' comments are some of our most valuable tools. They provide an early warning system when we are heading into sensitive territory. The outpouring of reaction to this title should be "Exhibit A."

A recurring theme in the response is that "A Matter of Choice?" is being used to "stir up an antagonistic argument," that it is using a "titillating title" that exploits the Gay community for ratings. At the center of this response is the belief that serious studies have established that homosexuality is not a matter of choice and that the title reopens a question that need not be re-examined. As one person writes, the title should be, "NOT a Matter of Choice. Gay Life in America."

All of this deserves a serious response and a clear assurance that we picked this title after considerable thought and discussion with many people.

The Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation issued a statement that we feel was totally appropriate, expressing "concern" about the title. There should, indeed, be concern about the notion of homosexuality and "choice." The presumed ability to "choose" is regularly invoked by people who are responsible for serious acts of bigotry and hate crimes. In fact, a central story in our series is a vicious hate crime perpetrated in Roanoke, Virginia last year.

This isn't about ratings. The words "A Matter of Choice?" will hardly cause people to race to the tube. There is a misperception expressed by some that the series won't have anything to do with the question of choice, that we are just using it in the title. The subject of this series is Gay life in America. That said, this issue of "a matter of choice" is woven throughout the series. As we worked on this series, however, it became evident that there was a clear link between opinions about the matter of choice and attitudes towards Gay Americans. Though many in the Gay community may be convinced the question has been answered, many people still argue about whether science has resolved this, whether religion has resolved this. As

usual, you will hear Ted Koppel force people to defend their opinions.

Nightline has made a commitment to examining diversity in America. Much of our emphasis has been on how people see life through very different prisms. We've tried to treat each of those prisms with respect. We've made a major commitment to our series on America in Black and White. We've looked at the Hispanic community, Asian-Americans, people with disabilities. We work hard to consult at length with the people who live in those worlds.

Gays make up a significant community that deserves thoughtful examination. We appreciated the feedback. The expressions of concern are thoughtful and appropriate. We hope that when you see the series, you will agree that the issue has been handled with the sensitivity that has been Ted Koppel's hallmark for more than twenty years.

[Tom Bettag is the Executive Producer of Nightline.]



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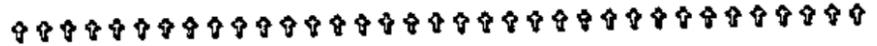
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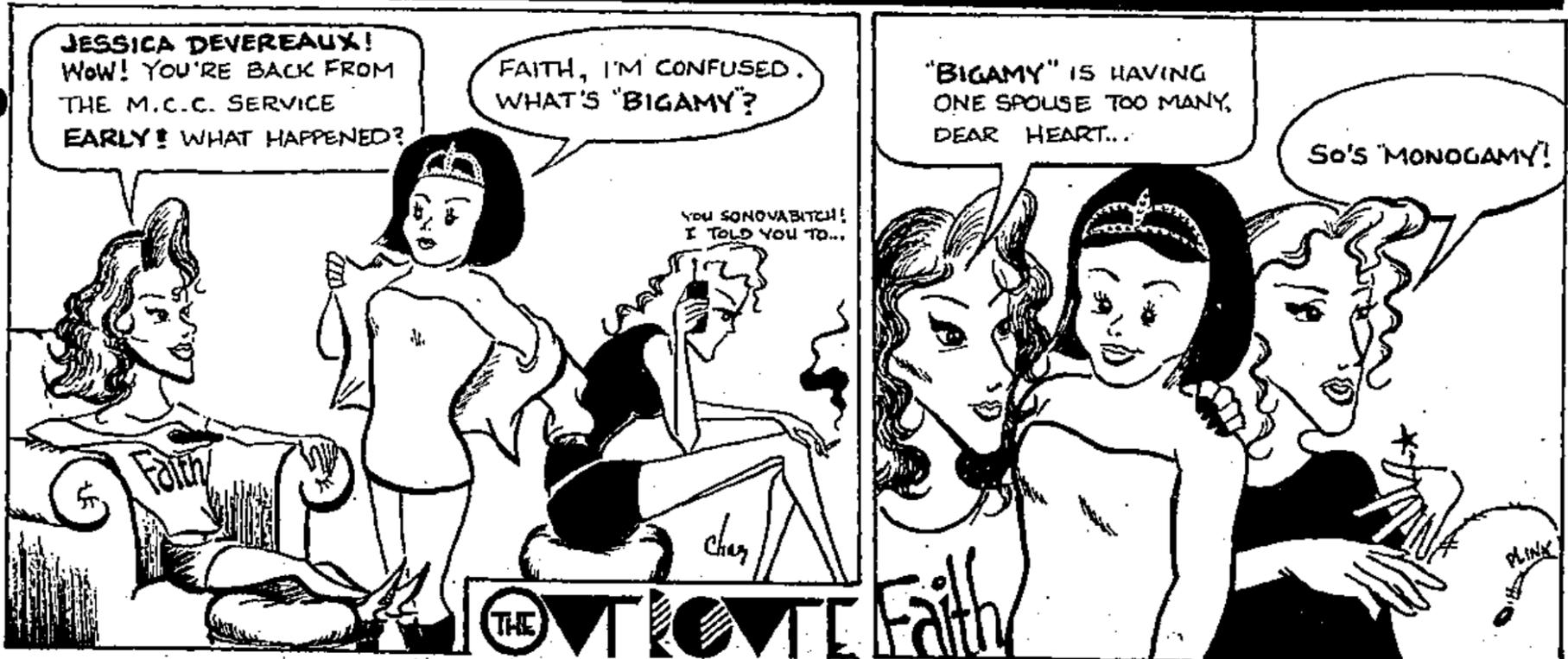
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The Babylonians	21.0	28.0
Slick Willies	21.0	28.0
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Another WNBA team, the Miami Sols, is marketing specifically to Lesbians. "We went to Lesbian bars before our team even had a name," team spokeswoman Kim Stone told the Bee. "We were well aware that [the Lesbian community] was a huge part of our growth markets. It was no big deal. People here are very tolerant of one another."

Zeigler, of Outsports.com, said other professional sports leagues have catching up to do. "The sports world is the last closet, even more so than the military," he said. "It's not cool to be Gay and be in sports, but that's changing. What the Cubs and the Braves and the Sparks have done signifies that."

Film Fest 2001

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an inside perspective of men and public sex in the film program Out in Public.

Opening Night for the Film Festival will be October 18, 2001 at the Historic Rialto Theatre. The evening will consist of a full slate of animation film shorts, music and cash bar. The main feature of the evening will be the filmed cabaret performance "Drama Queen" (a Sporty Girl) by Lesbian comedian Georgia Ragsdale. Georgia will also be LIVE ON STAGE after the film for standup and Questions and Answers. There will be music provided by the Women's band, Dietrich. Tickets for Opening Night, and the Producer Pass (allowing entrance to all film venues) will go on sale mid September 2001. Individual film tickets will go on sale the week prior to the festival.

DESERT COYOTES FALL LEAGUE BEGINS, SEPT. 5

TUCSON - As the Summer Coyotes, Tucson's Gay and Lesbian bowling league, finishes up another successful season schedule, Tucson's fall bowling league, is gearing up for its 2001/2002 season, starting September 5.

Tucson's Gay and Lesbian, Wednesday night league, will again bowl at Golden Pin Lanes, 1010 W. Miracle Mile. Teams will consist of three individuals. Average is not important, having fun in this league.

On September 5, 8:00 p.m., the Desert Coyotes will hold a league meeting prior to bowling, to deal with league business and to fill open spots on teams. At 9:00 p.m., the league will start bowling, and will bowl at 9:00 p.m. thereafter. For more information, call (520) 323-6449.

PRO SPORTS TEAMS REACH OUT TO G/L FANS

ATLANTA, GA (NP) - Atlanta's baseball team will enter a brave new world tomorrow when it reaches out to the Gay community, joining a growing number of professional sports teams that realize not all their fans are straight.

"There are Gay men and Lesbians playing sports everywhere, and they're watching sports too," said Cyd Zeigler, co-founder of the fan site OutSports.com. "[These teams] get that there's a growing base of Gay sports fans and that we have money."

In its home game against the Houston Astros on Wednesday, August 8, the Atlanta Braves will set aside 2,000 seats for local boosters who are trying to attract the international Gay Games to the city in 2006, according to Atlanta Journal-Constitution online columnist Jay Croft.

The Atlanta Gay Men's Chorus is scheduled to sing the National Anthem.

Elsewhere in professional baseball, the San Diego Padres will sponsor an AIDS Awareness Day on September 11, and the Minnesota Twins will host local Gay groups on September 14.

A flurry of recent activity also included a June 23 "Out at the Ball Park" event hosted by the Chicago Cubs and special Gay days at Sacramento Monarchs, Seattle Storm and Los Angeles Sparks WNBA games.

The July 21 Gay Pride event in Sacramento drew 9,300 fans, making it one of the most popular games of the season, according to the Sacramento Bee.

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Non-Bar Calendar

Groups / Clubs / Organizations

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 8

Bears of the Old Pueblo Coffee at Coffee Etc. 7:00 p.m. 2830 N. Campbell. Coffee, food, conversation and Beers. Everyone welcome

THURSDAY, AUGUST 9

1. Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 1:00 p.m. Join Gary and Paul for a Lunch Out at the popular VVace. It's a good chance to try a new restaurant at lunchtime prices. For more information, please call Gary or Paul at 743-4648.

2. Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. Jim and Ed host an informational meeting about a proposed trip to Australia. They've found an incredible rate and are looking for others to join them on this fascinating trip. For details, please call Jim or Ed at 577-1602.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 10

The Arizona Stonewall Democrats launches the "2002 Campaign of Inclusion" with a winning combination: Fair Districts, Clean campaigns and the most GLBT candidates in Arizona history. U. S. congressman Barney Frank will head the list of democratic dignitaries who will be in attendance for this spectacular dinner at the double Tree Hotel, 445 S. Ahernon Way. Also in attendance will be Arizona's highest ranking democrats, Attorney General Janet Napolitano, House of Representatives and Democratic Party leader Ken Chavron and Democratic Party State Chairman Jim Pederson. Tickets for the evening of dining and plenty of Democratic political energy will be an evening to remember. For more information in Tucson call Jesse George (520)743-4320 or in Phoenix call (602) 884-6092.

Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. Chris holds our first-ever Penny Ante Poker Night. Come play the game and have some fun with the guys of MSN. For reservations and directions, please call Chris at 327-7030.

Bears of the Old Pueblo General Meeting & PotLuck to be held at the Sentinel Bldg. At the City of Tucson/Pima County Community Service campus, 310 N. Commerce Park Loop (on Bonita Street between Congress and St. Mary's). Open to all. Call Jim C. 574-8573

SATURDAY, AUGUST 11

#1. Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 a.m. Bill will be hosting a recreational softball practice. For more information, please call Bill at 297-3569.

#2. Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 8:00 p.m. Join Bill for a fun evening of Pinochle. Like all our games, we're willing to teach if you'd like to learn. It's a nice way to spend an evening with good guys! For reservations and directions, please call Bill at 297-3569.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 12

Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 1:00 p.m. Join Art & Jeff for an afternoon matinee, and some fine food as well. They'll start the day with "Scout's Honor"-a short feature about gay men in the boy scouts. Next, they'll break for BBQ beef, then they'll finish with "Sacred Silence"-an Italian film about gays and the church. For reservations and directions, please call Jeff or Art at 782-9135.

MONDAY, AUGUST 13

Tucson chapter of the Tucson Prime Timers meets for lunch at 1:00 p.m. at the Wildcat House, 1801 N. Stone. Call 529-9344.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 15

Bears of the Old Pueblo Coffee at Coffee Etc. 7:00 p.m. 2830 N. Campbell. Coffee, food, conversation and Beers. Everyone welcome

THURSDAY, AUGUST 16

6:00 to 9:00 p.m. AIDS 101 and Volunteer Orientation at So. Arizona AIDS Foundation, 375 S. Euclid. Free. Call 628-7223 to register.

FRI. - SAT. - SUN. - AUGUST 17-18-19

Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation (SAAF) Client Support Training 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. this weekend. Learn how to work with people with HIV/AIDS and deal with issues of grief and loss. Call 628-7223 to register. (Free to volunteers, nominal fee to others).

FRIDAY, AUGUST 17

Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. Join us for our monthly Pizza Night. For only \$5, you get pizza, salad, side dishes, and dessert-and a chance to meet 50-75 really nice guys. The pool is also open. For reservations and directions, please call Glenn or Kelly at 321-0568, or John at 792-4631.

Bears of the Old Pueblo Dinner Night Out, 7:00p.m. This month's restaurant is Ristorante Michelangelo, 420 W. McGee. Great Italian food at reasonable prices. RSVP with Mark by Wed. The 15th 573-8425.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 18

#1. Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 a.m. Join Rick for a fun morning of recreation volleyball. For more information, please contact Rick at 818-1616.

#2. Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 11:00 a.m. Bill will be hosting a Matinee Club outing to a local theatre to see a current movie. For movie choice, theatre location and time, please call Bill at 297-3569.

Tucson Chapter of the Tucson Prime Timers meets for lunch NOON TO 2:00 p.m. at the Hometown Buffet South Room, 5101 N. Oracle. Call 529-8344.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 19

1. Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 8:00 a.m. Call Bill for all the information you'll need about MSN's Rugby team. Practice begins today. For details, please call Bill at 297-3569.

BAR CALENDAR

OF UPCOMING EVENTS

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 8

IBTS - 9:00 p.m. "The Grief Show" featuring Bunny FuFu, Angela Dodd, Mr. Kenneth Blake and Adrienne Alexander.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 11

VENTURE-N - Beer Bust hosted by Empire Leather/Levi 3:00 to 7:00 p.m.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 12

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - "Miss Hispanidad In Review" fundraiser for the Miss Hispanidad Pageant to be held Sept. 16th. Featured in this show are all former Miss Hispanidad crown holders: Sasha (1996); Grecia (1997); Karta (1998); America (1999) and Cecilia (2000). Hostess and special guest Tori Steele, Miss Gay Tucson UsOFA 2001.

IBTS - Party line-up includes Jeff's Bloody Mary Recovery Bar from 11:00 a.m. to 8:00 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 week proceeds go to Revellie Gay Men's Chorus. Then at 8:00 p.m. A special benefit show for The Mr. and Miss Gay Teen Tucson Pageant starring Faith Michaels, Janee Starr, Stella Virgin, Deora La Blanc and Foxy.

VENTURE-N - Boss Burgers hosted today by Empire Leather/Levi from 3:00 to 7:00 p.m.

YARD DOG - Tucson Knight Owls (TKO) present Beer Blast today from 2:00 to 7:00 p.m. Games and food too!

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 15

IBTS - The Grief Show 9:00 p.m. Hosted by Lucinda Holliday and featuring Aija Simone, Faith Michaels and Janee Starr

THURSDAY, AUGUST 16

VENTURE-N - 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Steak Night benefit for John Dubs. Bring your favorite meat or buy a steak here. V-N will cook it and provide the side dishes. It's Uniform and Leather Nite too. \$2.00 well and domestic for those in uniform or leather from 7:00p.m. to closing.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 18

VENTURE-N - Bears of the Old Pueblo Beer Bust 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. All are welcome to come and have a cold brew and a hot bowl of chili. Proceeds benefit local charities.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 17

VENTURE-N - Bears of the Old Pueblo host Boss Burgers from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Proceeds benefit local charities. All are welcome.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 25

VENTURE-N - Jungle Party time again. Watch for details.

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2. Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. Bill hosts an Ice Cream Social Sunday. Just bring a pint, quart, or half gallon of your favorite ice cream to share-and we'll have toppings to complete your sundae. For directions and reservations, please call Bill at 546-7539.

Tantrix Eroticisim for Men workshop 3:00 to 6:00 p.m. This is the spiritual/erotic connection to create more harmony in your life. \$15-M+M members, \$25 non-members. Call Marc at 881-4582.

New Men's Message Group meets today 8:00 to 8:00p.m.

MONDAY, AUGUST 20

Tucson chapter of the Tucson Prime Timers meets for lunch at 1:00 p.m. at the Wildcat House, 1801 N. Stone. Call 529-9344.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 22

Bears of the Old Pueblo Coffee at Coffee Etc. 7:00 p.m. 2830 N. Campbell. Coffee, food, conversation and Beers. Everyone welcome

THURSDAY, AUGUST 23

#1. Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. Join us as we get out our monthly 10-page newsletter. It's simple, and you get a chance to meet new guys as we assemble the newsletter.

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.

IBTS - 8am-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.

WOODY'S - Open Noon. Dart tournament 3pm. Happy Hour 3-7pm. Patio Bar open 5-close. Pick-up Volleyball games 5-7. \$2.50 sirloin burger or chicken 5-9pm. 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. Kennel open daily at 5pm.

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.

IBTS - 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 Tourney 6pm, 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. Kennel open daily at 5pm.

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 Pitchers all nite. Country music with D/J S. 8:30 to closing.

IBTS - 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. Kennel open daily at 5pm.

Wednesday

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

IBTS - 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. Shirtless Volleyball games start 7pm. \$1.50 well drinks for shirtless players and spectators. Patio bar open 7pm-midnight.

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

Thursday

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

IBTS - 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.

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. Kennel open daily at 5pm.

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 special every 1/2 hour

IBTS - 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.

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. Kennel open daily at 5pm.

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.

IBTS - 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 75¢ drafts, \$1.75 pitchers from 3 to 7pm

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. Kennel open 5pm

NOTICES

TUCSON INTERFAITH HIV/AIDS NETWORK (TIHAN), a coalition of faith communities committed to a compassionate response to HIV/AIDS, provides HIV education in congregational settings, volunteer CareTeams to support HIV+ persons, a referral network of HIV-sensitive clergy, and interfaith services of healing and hope. For more information call 299-6647.

LESBIAN/GAY/BISexual OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS. Saturdays 1 to 2pm new location Wingspan, 300 E. 6th St. Contacts 325-6676 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 781-7878.

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, 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 Brenda at 894-8920, Ext.448 or Emmett 322-6057 (evetten@ix.netcom.com)

AZdykes is a new email list for Lesbians living in Arizona. For information mail tyan@thenver.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 XOC1. The show 'This Way Out', a nationally syndicated Lesbian and Gay radio show is aired at 5:30 pm every Wednesday.

THEATER / DINNER / ETC! Non-Smoking Lesbian Network meets every 3rd Saturday night of each month. If you'd like to meet women 35+ (flexible) and socialize in a smoke-free environment 888-8010 before 10:00 p.m. The group dines out and attends shows or movies. Now in their 18th year! (2nd in Tucson).

SOUTHERN ARIZONA GENDER ALLIANCE (SAGA). Meetings on the 1st Monday, 7pm. 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. SAGAE@mail@aol.com http://members.aol.com/sageemail

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 602-278-4805.

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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 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)745-9659 (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 293-6624.

SAA (Sex Addicts Anonymous) has 5 meetings a week in Tucson. People who wish to stop their compulsive sexual behavior, please call (520)370-1225 for current information.

LUTHERANS CONCERNED - Tucson chapter for Gay/Lesbian Lutherans meets 4th Sunday, 8:30 p.m. each month at Santa Cruz Lutheran Church, 6809 S. Cardinal Ave. For information visit www.lctucson.org wfs: 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, 3289 N. Mountain. Have any history/experience singing? Join us! Call 617-3100 for more info.

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

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LESBIAN AND GAY ALANON - Affected by someone's drinking? Meeting every Tuesday 8.45 to 9.45 p.m. at Lambda Center, 2940 E. Thomas, Phoenix. Ellis 581-8850 or Rom 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 624-6788.

T-SQUARES Lesbian and Gay square dance club meets every Tuesday from 6:30-9:00 p.m. at Cornerstone Fellowship Social Hall, 2902 N. Geronimo (near 1st Ave. and Leguna). Open to All. Call Liz at 325-9468 or Ray at 749-5247.

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

GAY & LESBIAN SPIRITUALITY GROUP of St. 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 Armony Park Senior Center, 220 S. 6th Ave. Call 791-8662.

Join the LESBIAN & GAY PUBLIC AWARENESS PROJECT. In Tucson write Awareness Project, 3661 N. Campbell Ave. #385, Tucson, AZ 85719.

AA Meeting with HIV/AIDS focus, Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m., MCC Church, 3289 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.

SOFTBALL - For info on the Tucson Greater Softball Association T.G.S.A., please contact Mary 770-8978 or Bertie 318-3415.

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

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 881-4592 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 615-8438 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 822-3200.

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 8 weeks. 694-7063.

TUCSON GREATER SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION http://www.tgseasoftball.org

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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. 528-SAAF (7223). World wide web: http://www.saaaf.org. VOLUNTEERS WELCOME.

NOTICES

GAY OR BI-SEXUAL MEN in relationships with women. Need friends you can talk to? Weekly support group meets Wednesdays 8:30 - 9:00 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.

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

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

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

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

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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)790-5775 or write P.O. Box 43910, Tucson, AZ 85733-3910 or visit our website at www.botop.com All are welcome to our general meetings/potlucks on the 2nd Friday of every month, 7pm at Sentinel Bldg. On the City of Tucson Resource Campus, 310 N. Commerce Park Loop on Bonita St. between St. Marys and Congress.

SENIORRAP, a discussion group for older LGTBs, meets from 7 to 9 pm on the last Sunday of every month at Wingspan, 300 E. 6th St.

P.F.LAG - Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays - is a support group available to anyone who has a son, daughter or friend who is Gay. Call 575-8660 or write P.O. Box 38264, Tucson, AZ 85740-6284. All replies confidential.

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

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

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

TUCSON GAY INFORMATION AND REFERRAL For information on human service organizations, health and mental health services, financial and government assistance, emergency services such as food and shelter, education, etc. Call Information and Referral 881-1794 - 8 am - 5 pm Mon. - Fri.

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

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New Study Confirms GLBT Teen Suicide Risk

NEW YORK, NY - Teenagers who have romantic feelings for members of their own sex are about twice as likely as other teens to contemplate or attempt suicide, new study findings suggest.

The idea that homosexuals are at higher-than-average risk for suicide has been suggested by a number of studies, but the link remains much debated, researchers note in the August issue of the American Journal of Public Health, the Journal of the American Public Health Association, reported Reuters Health.

This study broadens the scope of past research by looking at a national sample of high school students and at teens who report same-sex feelings—not just those who identify themselves as homosexual, according to Dr. Stephen T. Russell of the University of California, Davis, and colleague Dr. Kara Joyner.

Analyzing survey data on nearly 12,000 students from high schools across the US, the investigators found that 7% said they were attracted to the same sex or had had same-sex relationships. And these students were more than twice as likely as others to have attempted suicide in the past year.

Of the 458 students who said they had attempted suicide, 15% reported same-sex attractions or relationships—putting them at roughly two times the suicide risk of other students.

As for suicidal thoughts, girls with same-sex orientation were more than twice as likely as other girls to consider taking their own lives, while for boys same-sex orientation was linked to a 68% greater likelihood.

But while this pattern is disturbing, Russell and Joyner also note that they agree with critics' concerns that there has been too much research focused on the potential negative psychological effects of homosexuality.

They point out that the "overwhelming majority" of students with same-sex orientation—nearly 85% of males and 72% of females—said they had never thought about suicide.

"We look forward to future research on the unique strengths that characterize the lives of sexual minority adolescents," they write.

Still, the study findings signal a need for action, according to Russell and Joyner. Among their other findings, teens reporting same-sex orientation had higher levels of depression and alcohol abuse, while girls were at greater-than-average risk of being physically assaulted or threatened with a weapon. These are factors that can raise the risk of suicide in any adolescent, the authors point out.

"These youths deserve intervention and prevention that they only rarely receive," the researchers conclude.

Regional Rodeo

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is very popular. Rawhide has an ample amount of RV spaces with a water & electric, something else that has been very limited in the past. The cost is only \$15.00 per day. There is also a separate area for contestants wanting to stay in horse trailer living quarters.

Another big change in the event is the Host Hotels. Bob Pimentel has negoti-

ated a great arrangements with the Lexington Hotel with room rates of only \$89.00 per night. The Lexington Hotel is located at 100 W. Clarendon in Phoenix. There will also be another host hotel near Rawhide.

AGRA has also been working with Greyline Tours who will provide transportation. AGRA will be providing free shuttle service through Greyline to and from the host hotels, Rodeo Grounds and some bars. So put the dates of January 18-20, 2002 on your calendars to come out to Rawhide, Wild West Town in Scottsdale and enjoy the 17th Annual Road Runner Regional Rodeo.

For more info call the AGRA Rodeo Hotline at (602) 265-0618 or visit the web site at www.agra-phx.com.

Legal To Fire

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bottler in 1998, contending his Title VII rights were violated by coworkers who harassed and physically attacked him after learning he was Gay.

Arthur Jarrett, Bibby's attorney, said they are considering taking the case to the U.S. Supreme Court. "Obviously, we're disappointed," he said.

Coca-Cola lawyers denied Bibby's complaints of near constant harassment in the workplace after co-workers learned he was Gay, but the case never went to trial. U.S. District Judge Jan E. DuBois dismissed the suit on the grounds that harassment or discrimination based on sexual orientation was not covered by Title VII.

Bibby's attorney urged the Third Circuit to close the loophole in the civil-rights statute. Jarrett argued that Title VII's sex discrimination provisions should be read to include anti-Gay harassment in addition to gender and sexual conduct.

But contrary to Title VII's language, Judge Barry wrote, "there was no allegation that [Bibby's] alleged harassers were motivated by sexual desire, or that they possessed any hostility to the presence of men in the workplace or in Bibby's particular job. Moreover, he did not claim that he was harassed because he failed to comply with societal stereotypes of how men ought to appear or behave . . . His claim was, pure and simple, that he was discriminated against because of his sexual orientation."

Several bills that would expand Title VII to prohibit discrimination based on sexual orientation have been introduced and narrowly defeated in the last few Congresses.

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being persecuted by gangs who camp outside his house and accuse him of being Gay, according to CanGay.com. Ever since Williams moved into his new home in London's Notting Hill neighborhood, groups of young thugs have taken to waiting outside, shouting abuse, and spitting on the property walls. Williams has always lived with speculation about his sexuality, especially when he was living with former roommate Jonathon Wilkes. Wilkes insisted that they were just "best mates." It didn't help any when former Spice Girl Mel B. observed on the popular British television show Top of the Pops, "Neither Emma or Victoria or I have been out with him; anyway, he prefers men."

