

Barney Frank Addresses Arizona Stonewall Democrats

By Mark R. Kerr

TUCSON (ON) - Significant progress has been made in battling homophobia, although the legislative fight for equal rights still has a long way to go, U.S. Representative Barney Frank, D-MA, told a standing room only crowd, attending a dinner event sponsored by the Arizona and Pima County chapter of the Stonewall Democrats, Friday, August 10 at the Doubletree Hotel.

Frank was the featured speaker at the fund raiser, the kick off of the Stonewall Democrats "2002 Campaign of Inclusion," raising funds and awareness, to help more Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgender (GLBT) candidates and supportive candidates to office.

Many elected officials were present for the Stonewall event, showing their support for GLBT issues, including: U.S. Representative Ed Pastor, D-CD 2, Arizona Attorney General Janet Napolitano, the openly Gay, Arizona House Minority Leader Ken Chevront, D-Phoenix, state Senators Elaine Richardson, D-Tucson, Virginia Yrun, D-Tucson, state Representatives Linda Lopez, D-Tucson, and Gabrielle Giffords, D-Tucson, Pima County Supervisor Raul Grijalva, D-District 5, and Tucson City Councilmember Steve Leal D-Ward 5.

Several former elected officials attended, including: U.S. Representative Jim McNulty, D-AZ, state Senator George Cunningham, state Representative Herschella Horton, and former Tucson Mayor, George Miller.

Candidates for local elected office were present, to show their support for GLBT issues and vying for the increasingly important GLBT vote, including: Tucson Councilmember Steve Leal, running for another term, Vicki Hart and Paula Aboud, vying for the Tucson Ward 3 Council Democratic nomination and Gayle Hartmann, who will be the Democratic nominee for the Tucson Ward 6 Council race, facing off against GOP incumbent, Fred Ronstadt. Two openly Gay, Phoenix legislative candidates, Peter Moraga and Sam Wercinski, came down to Tucson to show their support.

Looking over the standing room only crowd, dinner chair Jesse George, said it did "take a village," to make the event a success, with 28 individuals and political, social and business organizations, Gay and straight, sponsoring tables. Wally Straughn, chair of the Arizona Stonewall Democrats, said the Pima County Stonewall Democrats, "outdid themselves," raising \$15,000 for the Pima County Democrats for the 2002 campaign.

Arizona Democratic Party chair, Jim Pederson, told the crowd to get in-

GLBT Commission Concerned Over City's Action In Assault Case

TUCSON (ON) - The City of Tucson Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender (GLBT) Commission have expressed concerns on the proposed action, set out in a memorandum by Tucson City Manager James Keene, regarding the assault of a Gay man by an off-duty Tucson Firefighter.

In a letter, obtained by the Observer, dated August 7, 2001, to City Manager James Keene, GLBT Commission Co-Chairs, Ana Lozano and Alexander John Goodrum stated that at their monthly meeting, held July 17, Tucson Fire Department (TFD) Chief Dan Newburn had "assured the commission and members of the GLBT community, who attended, that this incident would be dealt with fully, through the internal discipline process of the TFD."

During their July 17, monthly meeting, the GLBT Commission had requested a board of inquiry by convened immediately to consider Mr. Opela's conviction in the February 9, 2000 assault of Fabian Padilla, as well as the possible participation of other off-duty TFD employees. Commission members approved a measure, with recommendations about the situation, including having Chief Newburn issued a strongly worded memorandum to all fire personnel, personally condemning violence against GLBT citizens, that discrimination against GLBT Fire employees and members of the community wouldn't be tolerated, and to immediately implement a diversity training class, which would be required for all TFD employees. Chief Newburn expressed acceptance of the proposals set forth by the GLBT Commission, but the memo written by Keene and sent to the Mayor and Council last week, according to Lozano and Goodrum, were ignored completely, much to the Commission's "dismay."

The Commission had recommended to "Chief Newburn," the letter stated, "to which he agreed, to issue this statement and to specifically include that he condemns, 'violence, harsh language, bias or prejudice on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity and that it would not be tolerated within his department,'" or any "reference to Chief Newburn's affirmation, that discriminatory behavior or harassment against Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgendered personnel within the TFD, will not be tolerated and will be subject to severe discipline," which wasn't present in Newburn's memorandum.

According to the letter, the GLBT Commission had recommended that "diversity trainings be scheduled for all TFD employments, within the next three months and that there be follow-up trainings over the course of the next 18 months, with each training specifically including a segment on Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender

issues," something not mentioned in the Keene memo. "We consider the omission of the segments, specific to Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Transgender issues, a particularly curious one," the letter continues, "considering that such anti GLBT bias was the reason for this issue being brought forward in the first place. The Commission Co-Chairs expressed their dismay over the time frame suggested by Keene, who said that the training would be 'offered within the next three months,' with all personnel receiving the training within an 18 month period, rather that personnel actually completing the training within a three month period, with the 18 month follow up plan the Commission recommended."

Hiring an outside consultant, Gloria Ybarra, and the lack of a convening of a board of inquiry, is most troubling to the Commission Co-Chairs, according to the letter. "We are concerned, that this outside review is being used, instead of convening a board of inquiry," the letter states. "We question the timing of this outside review and are concerned, that no action will be taken in this matter, including convening the board of inquiry if that is part of Ms. Ybarra's recommendations, pending the conclusion of her review, which may not occur for some months."

The Commission Co-Chairs expressed interest in meeting with Keene to discuss this, and have lobbied Tucson's Mayor and Council to put this issue on their agenda for their next meeting, scheduled for September 4.

AIDS Findings Cause Concern

ATLANTA, GA - The declines in the number of Americans contracting AIDS and those dying of the disease are leveling off, signaling a disturbing turning point in the 20-year epidemic, federal health officials said.

AIDS cases and deaths peaked in the early 1990s, then fell steadily as new, more effective drugs took hold. But both statistics have been nearly flat since 1998, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said.

The findings, released at a national HIV prevention conference here, bolster a concern expressed by health officials who marked AIDS' 20th anniversary earlier this year. Many Americans, numbed by news of effective AIDS drugs, have become complacent about the disease, the Associated Press reported.

"We really are at a very critical
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U.S. Representative Barney Frank



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Arizona Democratic Party chair
Jim Pederson

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Scouting For All Rally August 22

TUCSON - A rally, August 22, 7:00 p.m., to voice opposition to the Boy Scouts of America (BSA) policy of discrimination against Gay youth and adults, to encourage funders and organizations to stop supporting the BSA as long as they practice discrimination, and to acknowledge the contributions to society of Gay youth and leaders, will take place at the Muse, 5th Avenue/6th Street.

Tucson's rally, sponsored by Wingspan and the Amazon Foundation, is being held as part of the national Scouting for All moment, spearheaded by Scott and Steven Cozza. Scott was banned from his involvement with Scouting as an assistance scoutmaster because of his belief that the Boy Scouts should not discriminate; his son Steven, an Eagle Scout, was the subject of the documentary "Scout's Honor," recently airing on PBS.

Various local community leaders and other persons affected by the U.S. Supreme Court decision, which affirmed the BSA's right to discriminate, will speak. A brief open mike forum, will offer opportunity for community participation. Organizers would like people to attend, and especially those who were/currently are Scouts, to wear their uniform, and to join others in affirming diversity, Gay youth, and civil rights for all.

For more information, call Nancy Robinett, rally organizer, (520) 670-9500 or E-mail: nancy.robinett@azbar.org.

G/L Catholic Retreat August 25

TUCSON - A summer retreat for Gay and Lesbian Catholics, family and friends will take place Saturday, August 25, 10:00 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. for the retreat, with a mass to follow at 4:00 p.m., at St. Peter and Paul Parish (Madonna Hall), south of the church, across the parking lot.)

This retreat deals with the question, "What Do The Scriptures Tell Us About Homosexuality and Gay and Lesbian Identity?" The facilitator of the retreat is Mr. Tom Rogers, chair of the Theology Department of Salponte Catholic High. This event is sponsored by the Diocese of Tucson Task Force for Ministry with Gay and Lesbian Catholics.

The suggested donation is \$10 per person, covering the cost of lunch, refreshments and the speaker. For more information, call Anabeli (520) 325-0892, or Ernie, (520) 721-2003, by August 22.

See 'Rain' Before It Stops

TUCSON - In a remote desert town, Why, Arizona (Why not?) buffeted by the monsoons, seven ships passing in the night collide in an explosion of religion, sex, condemnation and mascara in Green Thursday Theatre Project's drag camp parody of "Rain," adapted from the Somerset Maugham short story, which runs Wednesday, August 15 through Saturday, August 18.

"Rain," is being performed at the Muse, 516 N. 5th Avenue (at 6th Street), with the "curtain rising" at 8:00 p.m. Tickets are \$10 general admission, \$8 for seniors, students and groups. For reservations, call (520) 795-4322, or E-mail: info@greenthursday.org.

This production, the third from Tucson's queer and quirky theater company, is a good one overall, despite the shortcomings of the Muse, which hampers the production at times. The outstanding performance of David E. Hoffman, one of the co-founders of the troupe, as Mrs. Hester Fillwell, is worth the price of admission, so go out and support Tucson's local and live queer theater.

Wingspan Seeks Volunteers

TUCSON - Wingspan is looking for people to volunteer at Southern Arizona's Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Community Center.

Training for new Wingspan volunteers begins Saturday, September 8, and will cover the following areas: Visitor Services Volunteers provide information and referrals to visitors and callers to the center. Domestic Violence Project crisis advocates provide support and services to LGBT victims and survivors of domestic violence by staffing the Domestic Violence Crisis Hotline. Library Systems volunteers maintain and improve Wingspan's ever-expanding lending library of LGBT-related books, videos and reference material. Other opportunities for volunteers include Youth Group Facilitators, helping maintain the community center space, translating information into Spanish, bulk mailings to name a few.

Volunteer opportunities are open to people of any sexual orientation and gender identity. People of color, bilingual speakers, youth (18-23), seniors, people living with AIDS, people with disabilities, and sign language interpreters are encouraged to volunteer. For more information, application, and interview, please contact Mark English (Volunteer Coordinator) at (520)624-1779 or volcoord@wingspan-az.org.

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 sched-

ule, 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/EEO

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.

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

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.

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Informing the Community

The Observer

The Gayby Boom: Raised By Gay Parents

ATLANTA, GA - Samuel McGaughey doesn't seem to be following the script.

He's supposed to be tormented, angry, confused. Instead, he plays the drums, has a girlfriend and looks strangers confidently in the eye during conversations.

By all accounts, this cheerful 15-year-old appears to be a well-adjusted teenager. And he's being raised by Gay parents, reported the Atlanta Journal Constitution.

Samuel has been living with his father and his father's partner since he was 7, when his parents divorced.

Samuel says he had little trouble accepting his father's new identity.

"It was, 'OK, that's how it is,'" he says. "As a little kid, you simplify things in your mind. They're not as complex as when you get older."

Samuel's story is not simple, though. When straight couples divorce because one comes out as Gay, bitter custody battles often ensue. Many straight parents don't want their children exposed to homosexual couples — even if the couple includes an ex-spouse.

Samuel's parents, Michael McGaughey and Sally Lowe Whitehead, have avoided post-marital nastiness. Both credit their Christian faith, their friends and their friendship.

And they give credit to Samuel as well.

Samuel's parents had been married 21 years and had six sons when they divorced. Both resolved to remain friends and share raising their kids.

But when their son wanted to live with his father, Whitehead had reservations. She finally agreed, ignoring people who hinted that her son would somehow "catch" homosexuality by seeing two men living together.

"He's going to see two people love one another. What? He's going to catch that?" she says. "He's going to see people committed. He's going to catch that? He's going to see respect and caring. He's going to catch that?"

Samuel says his mother criticized his dad for being Gay but sympathized with the fact that he had struggled with his sexuality for years.

Whitehead wrote a memoir, "The Truth Shall Set You Free" (Westminster John Knox Press, \$17.95).

Being raised by two men wasn't Samuel's biggest childhood adjustment, he says.

"I was more upset that my mom was getting remarried than (with) my father being Gay," he says. "She was getting a new last name. I thought she was becoming a whole new person while my dad was still the same. He was just with another guy."

Still, learning that his father was in a Gay relationship was a shock. Samuel

still recalls the moment of revelation, when he saw his father holding his partner's hand and saying goodbye in a tender way.

"It made me feel like, 'Wow, this is going to be interesting,'" he says. "My first reaction was, 'What am I going to do?' I was worried about what other people were going to think and how we were going to be in public."

Samuel lived with his father and his partner, Craig Kettles, for two years. When his mother moved back to Atlanta from New York, he began to split time living with both parents.

Samuel gradually grew more comfortable with Kettles. They played video games. Kettles helped him with his homework and attended his violin recitals.

"Craig is a really great guy," Samuel says. "He's never, ever tried to make a place as my father. He's made a place as my father's partner. He's almost like an uncle who lives with me."

Samuel says his father and Kettles make efforts to spare him discomfort. They aren't affectionate in public, and Samuel says he's only seen them kiss twice.

When he reached adolescence, though, Samuel became embarrassed over his father's sexual orientation.

None of his friends ever criticized him, but in school, students would tease him by asking if it's true he had two daddies.

Once, when he was 14, he lied about his father and Kettles, saying they were just friends. "I knew what I should have said: 'This is my dad's partner,'" Samuel says. "But I got scared."

Samuel says his friends ask if his father's sexual orientation causes him to question his own. "I'm straight," he says. "I've had no say in it. . . . In my opinion, someone is born with it (their sexuality). People don't choose."

Samuel says being raised by two Gay men has made him aware of his gender and racial privileges.

"I'm a white, blond-headed, straight male," he says. "It's easier for me than it is with a lot of people in the world. It's a lot easier to be straight in this world than to be Gay."

It's also made him appreciate his parents more as well. When asked if he has any heroes, Samuel answered:

"My parents. They're real strong. Look at what my family has been through, and we've all come out loving each other."



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AHRF Voter Guide For Phoenix City Council

PHOENIX - The Arizona Human Rights Fund announced its recommendations for the Phoenix City Council election to be held on September 11.

Seats in four of the city's eight districts are at stake. Of the 17 candidates running, 13 responded seeking AHRF's support. In the race for District 4, central Phoenix, AHRF strongly endorses incumbent Phil Gordon. In District 6, east Phoenix and Ahwatukee, AHRF strongly endorses incumbent Greg Stanton. "Phil and Greg were instrumental in securing domestic partner benefits for city employees and we urge our members and friends who live in their districts to show their support for their re-election" said Dilia Loe, AHRF's Executive Director.

In District 8, south Phoenix and the historic neighborhoods, seven of the nine candidates returned AHRF's questionnaire. Of these, AHRF is recommending five for its members and friends to consider: Abedon Fimbres, Mike Johnson, Krysten Sinema, Trace Vencenza and Feliciano D. Vera. There will be a runoff in November between the two candidates receiving the largest number of votes. AHRF will interview the two runoff candidates and make an endorsement after those interviews take place.

In District 2, northeast Phoenix, AHRF is currently making no recommendation. A runoff is likely to be held in that race and AHRF will re-evaluate its position

at that time. It should be noted that in District 8 Trace Vencenza is running as an open Lesbian candidate. Also, Mike Johnson (District 8), Feliciano D. Vera (District 8), Phil Gordon (District 4), Greg Stanton (District 6) and Robin Mofford (District 2) celebrated GLBT rights by attending AHRF's 10th Annual Awards Dinner this year.

"We are pleased that such a large number of highly qualified candidates understand the political clout of the gbt community and are seeking our endorsement this year" said Ms. Loe. "This year AHRF sent out over 4,000 early ballots to our members to encourage voting. I also encourage other AHRF's members and friends to contact the Phoenix City Clerk at (602) 262-6837 or by visiting their website at www.cityofphoenix.gov for early voting ballots."

AHRF will also distribute a voter guide for Tucson and Scottsdale. For more information, contact Dilia Loe, executive director, (602) 650-0900.

AGRA Attends IGRA Convention

LONG BEACH, CA (AGRA) - The International Gay Rodeo Association held their 17th annual Convention on July 26th through July 29th, AGRA was represented by their Trustee, Bob Pimentel, Jr., 5 other delegates, 5 alternates and chapter members.

The convention ran very smoothly and was hosted by GSGRA. New & changed Rodeo rules, By-laws & Standing rules, rules of the Royalty competition & the International Country and Western Dance competition were voted in. New rules and changes that were decided on will take affect at the start of the new Rodeo year.

The International Country and Western Dance competition, which was held Saturday night turned out to be a Championship night for AGRA. Dance teams had to dance three dances, a Two-Step, a Waltz & a free style dance of their choice. There were 4 levels of competition, 1st Time, Beginners, Intermediate and Advanced.

AGRA members David Asher and Chris Zizzo entered the 1st Time category and competed against 2 other teams, team GSGRA and team TGRA. Members Daniel Ridge and Paul Caudell entered the Intermediate Category. They two faced 2 other teams also from GSGRA and TGRA.

At the awards banquet AGRA again was recognized. Brian Helander, contestant and chair person of the Health and Safety committee, was awarded a Trustee's award for his work. He also receive a Certificate of Recognition for his chairing of the Health & Safety Committee. Chuck Browning received a Service Award for having completed a 3 year term as AGRA Trustee. He also received a Certificate of Recognition for chairing the Contestant Liaison Committee. Every year there is also a Congeniality award given to a convention attendee. This years was given to AGRA's State Vice President, Dan Iversen, who did show so much attention to a number of individuals.

AGRA made a bid on host a future Convention and was awarded the hosting of the IGRA convention in 2003. So Phoenix will be the site of the 2003 IGRA Convention.



Scouting For All Rally

"Until all are allowed to serve"

Join us with communities across America in seeking for the Boy Scouts to rescind their policies of discrimination against gay scouts and leaders.

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See: www.scoutingforall.org for more info!

Half Million G/L Couples Counted Nationwide

WASHINGTON, DC - Totals so far compiled from the 2000 Census show that nearly one million Gay men and Lesbians identified themselves as members of a same sex couple, the most comprehensive tally of Gay households in the United States to date.

But community leaders caution that while the count may be the most thorough ever conducted, it still does not present an accurate picture of the size or scope of Gay men and Lesbians in America.

Several flaws mar the results. In addition to not counting same-sex couples who live apart, for example, community representatives point out single Gay men and women are not asked to identify themselves at all.

Census officials say that since the federal government does not provide civil rights protection for Gay Americans, they are not authorized to inquire about sexual orientation. Inquiring into the make-up of families in the household, on the other hand, is one of its primary responsibilities.

Despite the obvious deficiencies of the count, there is widespread concern that the low numbers of reported same-sex households will be used to fight Gay and Lesbian civil rights legislative efforts.

San Francisco resident Peter Altman, 42, told the Associated Press the counts could impact domestic partnership

legislation pending before the California Assembly. "Why would politicians waste an hour on this if there are only 6,500 (male) couples in San Francisco -- the queer capital of the world?" he said.

To date, the Census Bureau has reported that there are 479,107 same-sex couples sharing a household. This number will rise when data from New Jersey, Texas, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Virginia, Wisconsin, Mississippi and Arkansas.

According to the latest census statistics released Wednesday, California and Vermont lead the nation with the highest percentage of Gay couples, while San Francisco has nearly twice as many same-sex partners as any other county.

There are 92,138 same-sex couples in California, including 8,902 in San Francisco. In Vermont, 1,933 same-sex couples responded to the census. Gay and Lesbian couples make up nearly 1 percent of total households reported in both states.

The census found that Gay couples represent 2.7 percent of San Francisco's households. However, San Francisco's total Gay population is closer to 10 percent,

some 80,000 people, according to San Francisco pollster David Binder.

"We're not talking about some sort of intangible concept of a Gay family," said David Smith, spokesman for the Human Rights Campaign. "We're talking about real people who live in a real assemblyperson's district."

Martin O'Connell, chief of the fertility and family statistics branch of the Census Bureau, agreed that the data col-

lected so far cannot be used to estimate the nation's entire Gay population. He told the news agency, "It's hard to get a complete picture by only describing the living relationships of people living together."



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point in this epidemic," said Dr. Helene Gayle, the CDC's AIDS chief. "We must work to ensure that the plateaus that we've reached will not remain plateaus - or worse, given some of the trends that we're seeing, evolve into a newly expanding epidemic."

The number of new AIDS cases reported each quarter fell from more than 20,000 in 1993 to about 10,000 in 1998. And AIDS deaths fell from about 12,000 each quarter in 1994 to about 4,000 in 1998.

But the figures have stabilized and have been nearly identical each quarter since mid-1998, the CDC said.

The statistics suggest that the next wave of progress in fighting AIDS lies in expanding HIV testing, improving access to quality care and finding new treatments for patients in whom the virus resists drugs, Gayle said.

New studies released highlight two key demographic groups - young Gay men and poor black women - who are at alarming risk for becoming infected with HIV, the virus that causes AIDS.

A new study in Seattle found a sharp increase in the number of HIV-positive Gay men reporting unprotected anal sex, from 10 percent in 1998 to 20 percent in 2000.

And a study of mostly low-income black women in Atlanta found that almost half had not used a condom in their most recent sexual encounter, and 60 percent did not know their partner's HIV status.

AIDS was first identified in 1981. Through the end of last year, almost 775,000 cases had been reported in the United States. Nearly 450,000 of those patients have died.

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Chair of the Arizona Stonewall Democrats Wally Straughn

involved in the political process and challenged the Pima County Stonewall Democrats to field a candidate in the 2002 legislative campaign.

U.S. Representative Ed Pastor, D-CD 2, praised the work of the Stonewall Democrats for the past work and future efforts. Pastor went on to state that both the GLBT community and the Hispanic community felt the "pain of discrimination" and the "sour taste from prejudice," and both community's "have the mutual cause to make sure we overcome the intolerance."

Attorney General Janet Napolitano talked about bills, dealing with civil rights and that included "sexual orientation" she submitted to the Arizona Legislature, and

that these bills went down to defeat because of the Republican controlled House. Napolitano promised to reintroduce the measure, "with more to it," and that everyone should work to elect more Democrats who would vote in favor.

Arizona House Minority Leader, state Representative Ken Chevront, D-Phoenix, called Frank "a mentor," for coming out in 1987, showing that an openly Gay elected official "could respect who we are, and be respected by the people." Frank, Chevront said, had said in 1995, during a conference of openly GLBT elected officials that GLBT Democrats should have their own group and voice. Frank helped to form the Stonewall Democrats in 1997.

Barney Frank said that "we have broken the back of prejudice." "It's still there, but we're beating it back." Frank added that the GLBT community needs to get involved and become a part of the Democratic party, the party that supports GLBT rights.

The Arizona Stonewall Democrats are the official GLBT cause of the Arizona Democratic Party. The goal of the Stonewall Democrats is to promote equality and political change through voter education, registration and participation.



Pima County Stonewall Democrat and MC for the evening, Jesse George presents Rep. Barney Frank with a memento of the evening.



Dignitaries on the dais at the Doubletree Hotel during the Stonewall Democrats' fundraiser for the newly formed Pima County Chapter.

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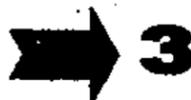
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POLITICS 2001
by Mark R. Kerr

'Faux News'

This past week, Fox News, the "fair and balanced," cable-channel when it deals with anything conservative, got caught manufacturing a Gay controversy, reporting a story about a Gay group, which didn't exist, trying to get more homoerotic pictures in the Abercrombie and Fitch catalog. A spokesman for Fox News, when reached for comment, said the story should have been "researched more."

continued to give funding to the Boy Scouts, even after the Supreme Court decision allowing the Boy Scouts to prohibit Gay troop leaders and members.

In the story dated August 14, Republic writer Paul Matthews proclaimed that the recall election is in full swing and that "Giuliano is under attack on a wide variety of issues," and implying that Giuliano is in trouble, because he will face off against local actor Gene Ganssle, and he sent out 15,000 pieces of political mail, and personally put up more than 740 signs this past weekend.

"Researched more," a novel concept for a national cable network, who values homophobia, hype and innuendo over substance, a policy they haven't bothered to change since they began polluting the airwaves a few years back, and it seems that "Faux News," is spreading, even to Arizona.

Matthews should have "researched more" on this, because he makes Ganssle, who barely got enough signatures to qualify for the ballot in his first bid for political office, out to be a credible candidate, despite raising only \$1,000 for his "credible campaign."

Case in point, the Arizona Republic, who resumed their hate campaign, this week against openly Gay Tempe Mayor, Neil Giuliano, who is facing a recall election because of the attempt on September 21, 2000, to have the City of Tempe cut off public funding to the United Way, because the United Way in Maricopa County con-

For those unfamiliar with this story, a researched recap: After the September 21, 2000 Tempe City Council meeting, where the proposal to cut off funding to the United Way was rejected, with Giuliano voting not to cut off funding, Recall leader A.J. LaFaro announced his intention to launch a petition drive to oust Giuliano because of this issue, advancing a "homosexual agenda" in Tempe.

When the recall bid stalled, LaFaro then 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.

Did the Republic report the change in tune by LaFaro? Of course not, it would have had to been "researched more." In the August 14 story, the Republic, head of the 2000 United Way Campaign and the Arizona home base of the National Lesbian and Gay Journalists Association, said LaFaro has been pouring over records about Giuliano's appointments, records of his employment at Arizona State University, his votes, and his recall web site, looking for corruption and conflicts of interest, for which there is none, much to the dismay of the Republic.

In March 2000, the voters of Tempe overwhelmingly re-elected Giuliano to a fourth term, casting 70 percent of their ballots in his favor. It's time the community, not just in Tempe, did something in favor for Giuliano, helping him to finish out this term, his last as he has publicly stated. Giuliano has helped to get an anti-discrimination ordinance, including sexual orientation, passed in Tempe, as well as extending benefits to the domestic partners of city employees, naming just a few of Giuliano's many accomplishments.

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, go to <http://www.therecalliswrong.com>.

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Mercury, the winged messenger of communication, moves into Virgo and then makes a sterling aspect to expansive Jupiter. Words move mountains, but with all this crazy activity, be sure to move the right mountain.

ARIES

MARCH 21 - APRIL 20

Sweating on the assembly line has never been so "character building" when instructional Mercury sextiles generous Jupiter. Hard work pays off in big dividends. Proud Rams cleverly find ways of streamlining tasks so they can spend more time relaxing and recharging at home. You're the master of your fate this week, comrade. Take the wheel and steer.

TAURUS

APRIL 21 - MAY 21

Queer Bulls on the hoof think they'll love 'em and leave 'em, but HA! That delectable little piece by the bar will become a staple in your kitchen before you know it when chatty Mercury sextiles zesty Jupiter. The planets encourage you to concoct something delicious. Be sure to add a bit of spice to the mix. You certainly are a charmer and can pour it on now.

GEMINI

MAY 22 - JUNE 21

Proud Twins are not necessarily known as "nesters" but the strong Mercury / Jupiter aspect gives you a certain nesting quality. You value your home life and you enjoy surrounding yourself with beautiful objects and lovely things. So what's wrong with that? Nothing! Who knows? You may even stumble upon a living doll to add to your collection. Okay, okay, silicon.

CANCER

JUNE 22 - JULY 23

Lavender Crabs exude charisma as Jupiter parks in your sign and sextiles witty Mercury. Make it your business to meet loads of new people and charm their pants off. You have a unique opportunity to make your proud opinions known but don't hesitate too long, compadre; This transit is fast and fleeting and so are you. By next week you'll be just another putz with a gripe.

LEO

JULY 24 - AUGUST 23

Self improvement is a mantra for Gay Leos. Now, with the fabulous aspect between Mercury and Jupiter, you'll not only seek the answers deep within your inner soul but also seek to change your overall value system. Jupiter makes sure that your celestial journey is filled with delightful surprises. Perhaps a secret admirer will make their intentions known. We can only hope!

VIRGO

AUGUST 24 - SEPTEMBER 23

Queer Virgos can cement old friendships and launch new ones when expansive Jupiter sextiles talkative Mercury. You can now set the trends. You can now call the shots. You are now the one in the "know". Get Out there and be sociable, cousin; this is no time to fade into the wallpaper. Hurry, hurry, hurry. By next week no one will care what you think..... yet again.

LIBRA

SEPTEMBER 24 - OCTOBER 23

Fund-raising is your middle name, well at least during the Mercury / Jupiter sextile. Rainbow Libras should use this time to give back to our community through volunteerism and charitable activities. Your efforts do not go unrecognized; Jupiter blasts your good works into the public eye and those in power sit up and take notice. Make them take you out to lunch as well.

SCORPIO

OCTOBER 24 - NOVEMBER 22

Proud Scorps can use the Jupiter / Mercury sextile to plan a grand getaway cruise. Jupiter paints glorious pictures of international adventures while Mercury stirs up the social stewpot. Well cousin, plan your adventures with the bottom line in mind. Pluto is still retrograde and can implode finances if you decide to go overboard. Maybe they'll send you a nice postcard....?

SAGITTARIUS

NOVEMBER 23 - DECEMBER 22

You're not usually known as the most politically astute corporate player but now, during the Mercury / Jupiter sextile, you squeeze a few points from the big kahunas. Gay Archers can now play the professional game with the best of them, but can also get waylaid, as it were, thanks to juicy Jupiter. Will you give up a leg up for a leg over? Ha! In a nanosecond!

CAPRICORN

DECEMBER 23 - JANUARY 20

Mercury's sextile to Jupiter seems to give you the right balance between your personal need for freedom and a partners' need for connection. Practical queer Caps have all the answers as usual and Mercury gives you ample opportunity to expand your influence. Go global cousin by taking a great idea on to the internet. OK visit a Gay chat room instead.

AQUARIUS

JANUARY 21 - FEBRUARY 19

It's time for all Aqueerians to concentrate on relationships. Both Mercury's aspect to robust Jupiter and its movement into Virgo signal new levels of intimacy between the two of you. However, since Mercury's energy is primarily cerebral you must make a conscious effort to put thoughts into action to get the fullest effect. Dirty notes can't hurt. Neither can deodorant.

PISCES

FEBRUARY 20 - MARCH 20

Thoughts turn to relationships as the Jupiter / Mercury sextile encourages you to seek connection through sexy romantic escapades. Instead of tossing the tried and true, why not juice up current partnerships? If you are a Guppie still swimming solo, this explosive surge can cause a wilde tidal wave. Be sure to pack the bathing cap before you dive, compadre!

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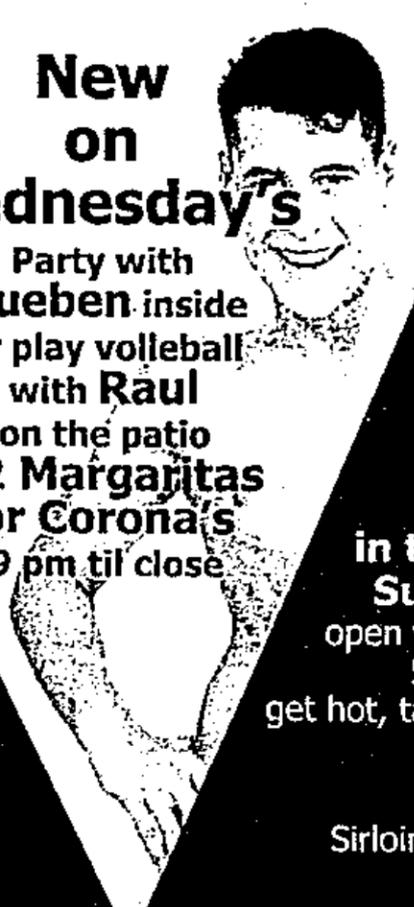


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Dear Dr. X:

I think I missed the boat on HIV/AIDS education. You tend to sound as if we all know everything about HIV and AIDS. I know you should use a condom for anal sex to prevent passing HIV to a partner or to keep from getting it, but beyond that I have a lot of gray areas.

I am not stupid but I would like to know more. I am only in my twenties and haven't had any friends that have died. I never got any HIV info at school. I am kind of embarrassed to say to my friends that I don't know much about not getting HIV and what is safe. If you could give me a few rules I would be appreciative.

Signed,
Clueless.

Dear Clueless:

I'm really glad you brought this question up. It is easy for us that have been around for the entire epidemic to forget that there will always be people that need the basics.

First off getting tested regularly and knowing your status is a big responsibility towards preventing HIV. Remember that from the time you think you were exposed it takes at least three months for HIV to show up on a test. So try to keep track of sexual experiences and test regularly. As for rules just remember this, all sexual activities can be put into 4 different categories (with examples): No risk (mutual masturbation), Low risk (oral sex), Medium risk (kissing with bleeding gums) and High risk (unprotected anal/vaginal sex).

These days there are tons of great resources out there to help you get the information you need. If you have Internet access check out the CDC website at www.cdc.gov/hiv/dhap.htm or Gay Men's Health Project at www.gmhp.org These are great resources that can answer lots of questions. In September Gay Men's Health

Project is starting a Health Program called Popular Opinion Leader (POL) to help re-educate (or educate) men about HIV/AIDS, STD's, domestic violence, cancer and drugs. If you're interested contact my friends Scott or Miguel at (520) 628-7223 to get involved.

Dear Dr. X:

I can't decide if a guy I keep seeing at the bar is single or not. He is always with a group of guys and one acts like his lover. I haven't seen them kiss or anything, but I don't want to look stupid by coming on to him if they are together. What do you suggest?

Signed,
Chicken S*#@

Dear CS:

Approaching someone under any circumstance is scary. When they are in a group of people it's like being the new kid on the first day of school. I would try to ask some friends or even a bartender if they have the scoop on him.

If that isn't an option you could try to single him out by watching him go to the bar, walk away from the group to go to the bathroom or dance or wherever. The guy who acts like his lover may be, but, he may also just be a good friend. I say go for it. I would start with a subtle approach by just working into the group socially with no obvious agenda but to introduce yourself to some new people. They will naturally talk to you unless they're total jerks; in that case you don't want to hang around them anyways. This guy may be interested but can't get away from the gang to chat with people like you. If you are hot for this guy check it out. I think a missed opportunity is worse than a little awkwardness. 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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Dear Jenn:

I finally met a woman I really like after ages of dating girls I had nothing in common with. She's smart, funny and she loves me to pieces! There's only one problem - we have really different approaches to sex! I like playing with different toys and don't have many taboos. In her mind "good" sex includes cuddling, kissing, rubbing our vaginas together and going down on each other. "Bad" sex involves penetration (fingers, a dildo or whatever), vibrators, and even using lube because it's not "natural"!

I love this girl, but I'm losing my mind! I mean, sex with her is fabulous, but it's just sooo limited! And she hasn't picked up on any of my hints! How can I convince her to loosen up with me?

Strap-On Sally

Dear Strap-On Sally:

Wow, here you've got the perfect gal, but you can't find a way to take that mattress mambo magic you've got going and maximize it to its full potential! I'd start by stopping with the hints and talking this through with her directly. Pick a time

when you're both relaxed and feeling secure in your love for one another. Focus on understanding what she means when she says penetration and gizmo what-nots aren't "natural." This is the root of it, after all, and there are a few different things that might be going on for her.

It's possible she's tried them before and they don't work for her, so she assumes they won't for you either! Let her know while you respect her wish to not have gizmos zooming around her neither-bits, you want her to respect the fact that you do occasionally like to hear the happy buzzing of your vibrator as it attacks your joy button!

Alternatively, she might be threatened by your experience with accessorized sex. As a novice, she might be scared she won't do it right and you'll end up thinking she's a bad lover. In fact, deep down she may worry you want to use toys because she's not a good enough lover to keep you happy without them. Reassure her that she's the lover you want, and that the toys

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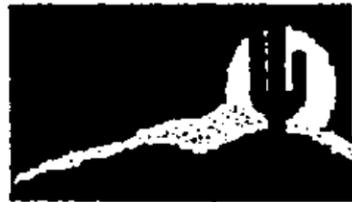
contradictory. Peace amidst unrest. Peace despite sorrow. Peace in the face of uncertainty.

Perhaps this concept sounds foreign and even impossible to you. Perhaps you're thinking I'm crazy for having a twisted sort of "Pollyanna" outlook on life. You can certainly think what you want but I am here to say that peace, in the middle of a situation that is anything but peaceful, is indeed possible.

As a Christian, I believe that Jesus can do the impossible. I believe that God is in control, total control of what happens in this world. That's called sovereignty and I believe he has it. In other words, nothing happens without God knowing about it and allowing it to happen. So when things in my life seem impossible to bear, I find relief in remembering that there is a purpose to what has taken place or else God would have stopped them from happening.

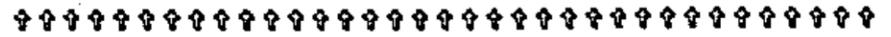
Its not enough though to just take my word on the matter. True, I have endured many, many events in my life that seemed too powerful to ever overcome. And yet, I have time and again been able to find true peace deep inside my soul because of trusting God. You can put him to the test. I encourage you to read the Bible to see what true peace looks like, and to call upon the Lord for help. He won't let you down.

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APACHE	89,423	66,299	18	22	22	13	3	4	4	0
COCHISE	117,755	105,871	82	88	89	47	57	58	55	4
COCONINO	116,320	108,381	72	80	81	35	44	44	46	3
GILA	51,335	42,845	18	19	20	11	7	7	7	1
GRAHAM	33,489	29,094	17	18	19	7	9	12	11	0
GREENLEE	8,547	8,617	3	3	3	2	2	2	2	0
LA PAZ	19,715	15,522	13	14	15	7	6	5	4	0
MARICOPA	3,072,149	2,399,600	4992	5134	5281	2968	3384	3441	3538	181
MOHAVE	155,032	116,523	117	122	128	59	68	66	66	4
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PIMA	843,748	751,311	1485	1512	1584	885	988	955	996	60
PINAL	179,727	128,820	109	117	132	68	74	78	80	6
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YUMA	160,026	120,827	91	91	84	44	58	51	54	4
UNKNOWN			2	2	2	1	5	1	1	0
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The Summer Hoochies	31.0	25.0
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Tongue Bung'n Belly	30.0	26.0
Mosaic	29.0	27.0
Hardwhere?	24.0	32.0
Slick Willies	23.0	33.0
The Babylonians	21.0	35.0
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SEASON ACHIEVEMENTS

High Average: Jean Nate, 564; Keith D., 156; Heather H., 156.

High Series Scratch: Keith D., 650; Heather H., 515; Jean Nate, 1764.

High Game Scratch: Just Jack1, 259; Heather H., 184; Jean Nate, 653.

High Series Handicap: Adam K., 680; Terry M., 651; Mosaic, 1958.

High Game Handicap: Dan N., 274; Danette A., 230; The Nut Sack, 709.

DESERT COYOTES FALL LEAGUE BEGINS, SEPT. 5

TUCSON - The Desert Coyotes, Tucson's Gay and Lesbian, Wednesday night league, will again bowl, starting September 5, at Golden Pin Lanes, 1010 W. Miracle Mile.

Teams will consist of three individuals. Average is not important, having fun is 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.

ATLANTA'S PURSUIT OF GAY GAMES INTENSIFIES

ATLANTA, GA - Some Atlantans merely found it curious that the Atlanta Braves hosted a Gay and Lesbian organization at its Wednesday, August 8, game against the Houston Astros.

Other angry fans, hundreds of them, bombarded the Atlanta Braves public relations staff since learning the team would host members of the 2006 Gay Games selection committee during Wednesday night's game.

Braves officials say that is a good sign.

"We are talking a small number compared to [comments on] the John Rocker situation," said Jim Schultz, director of public relations.

As Atlanta courts the 2006 Gay Games, the city's top businesses, including the Braves, are putting their best foot forward in hopes of drawing the Games and bringing in more than a million visitors with hundreds of millions of dollars to spend, the Atlanta Journal Constitution

reported.

Atlanta is one of four finalists to be considered, along with Chicago, Los Angeles and Montreal. The winner will be announced in Johannesburg, South Africa, in October.

The Braves assumed they would face a potential backlash from fans opposed to the team hosting the Gay Games committee. But they didn't allow it to affect their business judgment.

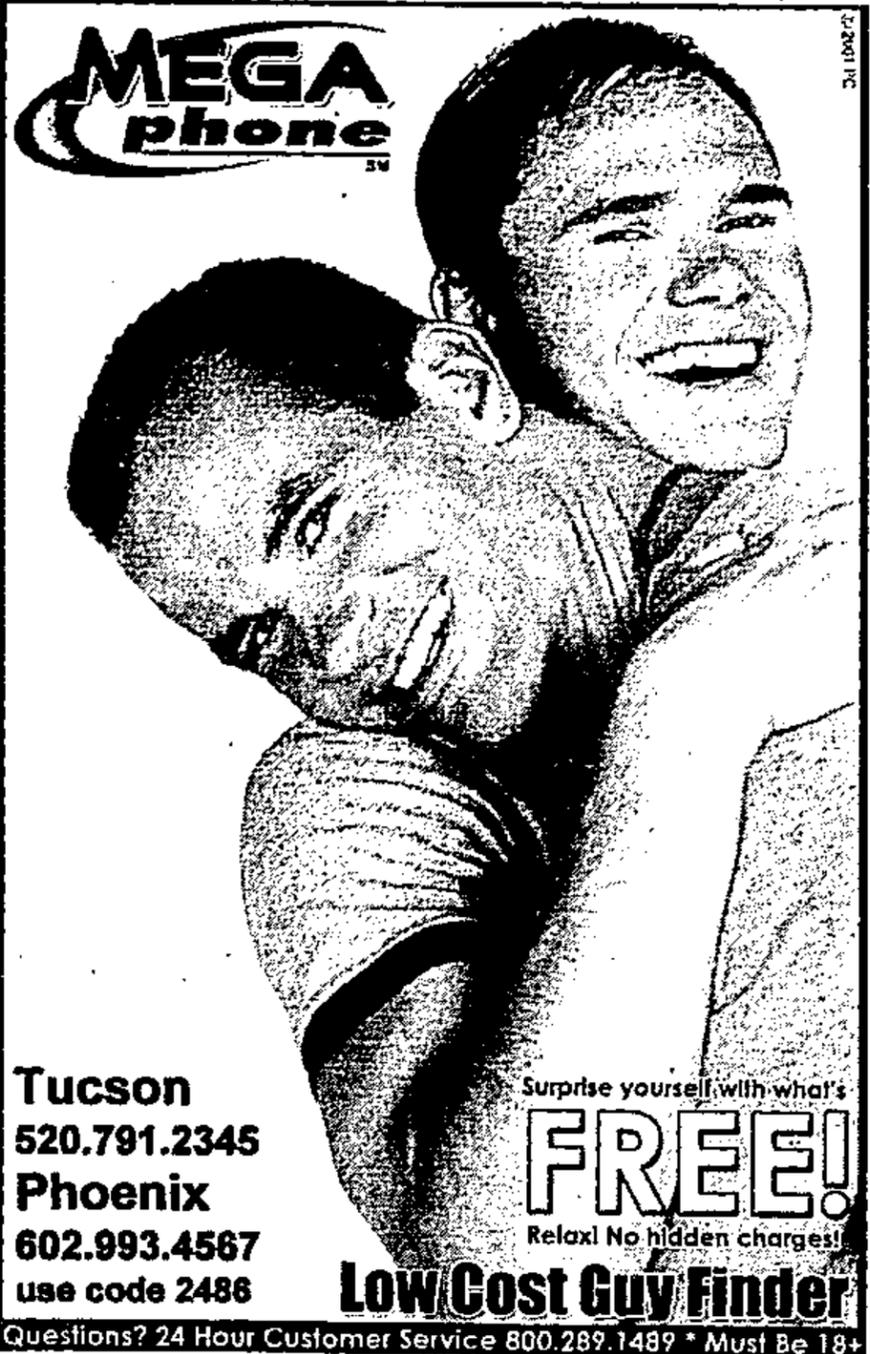
"We get letters from people with strong feelings on many issues over the course of a season," said Brave's team president Stan Kastan. "This is just one more issue. . . I don't want to characterize it as anything greater than it is."

Readers of AJC.com, the Web site of the Atlanta-Journal Constitution, have been sharply split on the team's decision.

An AJC.com poll, which has been active since July 26, has drawn more than 42,000 responses to the question, "Is this a good thing for the Braves to do?" Fifty one percent say yes, while 49 percent said no. Only 212 people thought "Who cares? Play ball!"

If the Gay Games Federation officials pronounce "It's Atlanta!" at their October meeting, the economic windfall could reach \$500 million.

And as the Braves say, business is CONTINUED ON PAGE SIXTEEN



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Non-Bar Calendar

Groups / Clubs / Organizations

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 321-0566, or John at 782-4631.

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 573-6425.

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 818-1816.

#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 529-9344.

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.

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 545-7539.

Tangtric Eroticism 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 Massage Group meets today 6:00 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

"Scouting For All" rally will be held at 7:00 p.m. at the Muse, (formerly International Arts Center) at the corner of 6th Street and 5th Avenue (Across from Wingspan and Desert Pride). Join with communities across the nation this day calling for the Boy Scouts to rescind their policies of discrimination against Gay scouts and leaders. Come on out Tucson, and show our community as a force to be reckoned with. For more information check out www.scoutingforall.org

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. The work goes quickly, and is usually done with 45 minutes. For reservations and directions, please call Jerry at 690-9565.

#2. Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:45 p.m. Join us for the MSN Premiere of the Oscar winning film, "L.A. Confidential". For reservations and directions, please call Lea at 690-9565.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 24

Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. Join Artan for Game Night. Board games and card games of all sorts will be available, and you're invited to bring a favorite of yours. For more information, please contact Artan at 323-7414.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 25

#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): 9:00 a.m. Join Steve for a fun trip to the Tucson Zoo as we tour this compact, yet well done zoo. For reservations and details, please call Steve at 318-9182.

#3. Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 11:30 a.m. After the zoo tour, Steve will offer up the chance for all the guys to have lunch with him at the well-known El Torero. For reservations and directions, please call Steve at 318-9182.

BAR CALENDAR

OF UPCOMING EVENTS

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 15

IBTS - The Girls Show 8:00 p.m. Hosted by Lucinda Holiday and featuring Aja 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 Night too. \$2.00 well and domestic for those in uniform or leather from 7:00p.m. to closing.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 17

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - Hip Hop Friday here with \$2.25 Tequila Rose and \$1 Puckers all night long. DJ Hill 8:30 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 19

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's proceeds go to the Gay Straight Medical Students Alliance. 8:00 p.m. The Bud Team is here with games, prizes and Bud Light Special \$1.75. Then from 9:00 p.m. to closing it's a "White Night Party" with 2 for 1 white well drinks plus plenty of hot dancing!

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.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 22

IBTS - 9:00 p.m. "The Girls Show" hosted by Lucinda Holiday and featuring Deora Le Blanc, Samantha White and Tucson's Black Cat, Aja Simone.

WOODY'S - Something new here today and every Wednesday. Party with Ruben inside or play volleyball with Rusul on the patio. \$2 Margaritas or Coronas from 9:00 p.m. to closing.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 25

VENTURE-N - Jungle Party time again. The Party gets underway at 7:00p.m. with lots of action. Prizes will be awarded for the best "Missionary" and the best "Native" And that's only the beginning. Also there will be Jail-o shots available to benefit John Dubs. (Get well, John).

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

IBTS - 9th Anniversary Party "It Came From Outer Space!". Watch for details.

YARD DOG SALOON - It's Grand Opening Weekend-long Party for Tucson's newest watering hole. There'll be lots of events starting at 4:00 p.m., and today Ray has cooked up a Mexican Buffet which will be served starting at 6:00 p.m.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

IBTS - 9th Anniversary Party "It Came From Outer Space!". Watch for details.

YARD DOG SALOON - Day two of the Grand Opening Party and festivities start at 4:00 p.m. A Hawaiian Luau is planned with food being served at 6:00 p.m.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

IBTS - Monday Morning Madness starts at 11:00 a.m. this morning. Celebrate Labor Day weekend.

YARD DOG SALOON - Grand Opening Celebration continues this Labor Day afternoon beginning at 4:00 p.m. with a Bar-B-Que being served plus lots of other festivities. Congratulations to Ray and his staff.

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#4. Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 6:00 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.

Bears of the Old Pueblo Salt River Tubing Trip down the Salt River. Meet at the Venture-N parking lot at 8:15 a.m. Leaving at 8:30 a.m. to caravan to the river. The tube and all-day shuttle bus costs \$10. Bring plenty of sunscreen and something to drink on the trip. You will be spending approximately 4 hours on the river. Contact Jim at 574-8573 for more details.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 26

Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 a.m. Join Gene for a morning of Hummingbird Heaven as they explore Miller Canyon for the striking hummers to be found in the area. For reservations and directions, please call Gene at 625-8109.

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 - 9am-4pm \$2.00 domestic beer and well. \$1.75 well & domestic beer 4-9pm. Benefit B-B-Q and Beer Bust for community organizations 4:30-7pm. Karaoke with Billy Dee on the patio 4:30-7:30. Hi energy dancing 9pm to close. All drink specials not available during special events.

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

WOODY'S - Open Noon. Dart tournament 3pm. Happy Hour 3-7pm. Patio Bar open 5-close. Pick-up Volleyball games 5-7, \$2.50 airbn 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 8pm, pot matched. Patio opens 5pm

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

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

Tuesday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - 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. Sky'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 BIZNESS - 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 BIZNESS - 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 BIZNESS - 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

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 Martinis \$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 BIZNESS - 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

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ROOMMATES

TUCSON INTERFAITH HIV/AIDS NETWORK (THAN), a coalition of faith communities committed to a compassionate response to HIV/AIDS...

LESBIAN/GAY/BI-SEXUAL OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS. Saturdays 1 to 2pm new location Wingspan, 300 E. 6th St. Contacts 325-6878 or 327-4293.

ANONYMOUS HIV COUNSELING AND TESTING is available through the Pima County Health Department at sites throughout Tucson. Very Gay Friendly. For more information or to make an appointment call 791-7878.

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 884-9920, Ext.448 or Emmett 322-6057 (evehen@ux.net.com)

AZdykes is a new email list for Lesbians living in Arizona. For information mail hyan@merver.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. SAGAE-mail@aol.com http://members.aol.com/sagae-mail

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

ARIZONA AIDS POLICY ALLIANCE (AZAPA) seeks to educate legislators and citizens about sound AIDS policy. For more information write AZAPA, 8523 N. 14th St., #112, Phoenix, AZ 85014 or call 602-279-4805.

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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)745-9059 (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 283-8824.

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.

LUTHERANS CONCERNED - Tucson chapter for Gay/Lesbian Lutherans meets 4th Sunday, 8:30 p.m. each month at Santa Cruz Lutheran Church, 8809 S. Cardinal Ave. For information visit www.lctucson.org write: LC, 7014 E. Golf Links Road, PMB 212, Tucson, AZ 85730.

ABUSIVE RELATIONSHIPS: Confidential individual or group support for Gay, Bisexual or Trans men who are victims/survivors of domestic violence. For more information call 824-0348 (24-hour line)

REVELLE GAY MEN'S CHORUS rehearses Tuesdays 7-10pm at MCC Church, 3269 N. Mountain. Have any history experience singing? Join us! Call 617-3100 for more info.

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

NOTICES

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 ALANON - Affected by someone's drinking? Meeting every Tuesday 8:45 to 9:45 p.m. at Lambda Center, 2940 E. Thomas, Phoenix. Ellie 581-6850 or Ronn 988-2384.

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 824-8768.

T-SQUARES Lesbian and Gay square dance club meets every Tuesday from 8:30-9:00 p.m. at Cornerstone Fellowship Social Hall, 2902 N. Geronimo (near 1st Ave. and Laguna). Open to All. Call Liz at 325-9486 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. 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 6:30 to 9:30pm at Amory Park Senior Center, 220 S. 6th Ave. Call 791-9662.

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 770-9979 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 299-6847.

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

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

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GAY OR BI-SEXUAL MEN in relationships with women. Need friends you can talk to? Weekly support group meets Wednesdays 6:30 - 8:00 pm. Licensed psychologist facilitator. Call 745-8977 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 289-9083 and ask for a contact person.

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SENORRAP, 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.L.A.G. - Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays - is a support group available to anyone who has a son, daughter or friend who is Gay. Call 575-8660 or write P.O. Box 36264, Tucson, AZ 85740-8264. 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.

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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 528-8344, leave name and phone number.

TUCSON GAY INFORMATION AND REFERRAL For information on human service organizations, health and mental health services, financial and government assistance, emergency services such as food and shelter, education, etc. Call Information and Referral 881-1784 - 8 am - 5 pm Mon. - Fri.

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business and everyone's cash is green. In the case of the Gay Games, though, the color of green may be a shade darker.

If past Games are a good indicator, the week-long event would bring more money to metro Atlanta than the Super Bowl, Major League Baseball All-Star Game, SEC football championship and Peach Bowl combined.

As it turned out, Atlanta Braves fans were perfect hosts Wednesday night.

There were no protests, no offensive signs, not even any audible boos as the Braves welcomed members of the Gay Games selection committee and a group of 1,800 fans who turned out in support during the Braves-Astros game at Turner Field. There was enthusiastic applause from the crowd after a quartet from the Atlanta Gay Men's Chorus sang the National Anthem for the 7:05 p.m. game.

Rob Lavery, one of two board members of the Federation of Gay Games who attended the game, said the city's tolerance and acceptance of its Gay population will play a major role in the selection committee's decision. He added that he was pleased with the reception he got in metro Atlanta.

"It was very warm. It was a great dose of Southern hospitality," Lavery said.

Earlier in the day Lavery and fellow board member Derek Lietz had breakfast with Atlanta Mayor Bill Campbell, and toured potential athletic venues. They reviewed golf courses and tennis and volleyball courts in Stone Mountain, swimming pools and basketball courts at Georgia Tech and softball fields in DeKalb County.

They also checked out the Fox Theater and the Biltmore hotel as potential sites for ballroom dancing competition.

Ray Hom, co-chairman of Atlanta Games Inc., was among those guiding them from place to place. He said he was not worried about bringing his guests to Turner Field.

"I think Atlanta is a liberal city. More people accept us" than oppose us, Hom said. "I think the majority of people would love to see the games here."

Braves pitcher John Burkett said he doesn't see what all the fuss is about.

Burkett started his career with the San Francisco Giants, who have been very open to Gay fans. And when he was with the Florida Marlins in 1995, Burkett wore his jersey to a Miami hospital to visit a pair of terminally ill AIDS patients, who were big Marlins fans. Two of his teammates turned down the invitation.

Some Gay baseball fans were apprehensive about how they would be received at Turner Field with the spotlight turned on them.

"He was nervous," said John Stanton, 32, of Atlanta, motioning to his partner, Tim Sellars.

"I was curious," clarified Sellars, who recorded the broadcast of the game to see how television would address the issue. "I didn't know if they would embrace us. I had no idea what to expect. It's been great, though. I've been impressed."

Certainly, as part of the block of fans sitting in the upper deck behind home plate, they did their part to show well for the selection committee.

"I'm proud to live in a city that would want to host this type of event," Stanton said. "I assumed people in Atlanta would be very tolerant. That's one of the reasons I live here."

If the Gay Games come to Atlanta in 2006, most of the 31 sports competitions, including ice hockey, ballroom dancing and track and field, will be held in the city at existing Olympic venues. Here's where past Gay Games have been held:

1982: San Francisco, 12 countries / 16 events, 1,300 participants / 50,000 spectators.

1986: San Francisco, 22 countries / 17 events, 3,482 participants / 75,000 spectators.

1990: Vancouver, Canada, 28 countries / 31 events, 7,300 participants / 125,000 spectators.

1994: New York City, 40 countries / 31 events, 10,864 participants / 1 million spectators.

1998: Amsterdam, Netherlands, 78 countries / 31 events, 14,843 participants / 800,000 spectators.

2002: Sydney, Australia.

WomanLine

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are just that, something fun to add to your sex life - no more. You only want to make the already fabulous connection you have with her even more intense!

Finally, this could be a political thing. Some Sapphic Sadies are firm believers that penetration is a tool of the patriarchy, and women wanting it are secret straights destined to leave their lovers for a man sooner or later. Remind her that if you wanted a guy, you'd have one! It's her you love, and you have no intention of going anywhere - you just want to expand the boudoir joy you already share to the max!

Whatever is going on, be patient. She may need time to relax and feel comfortable before she goes for it. I predict you'll be dusting off the toys in your tickle trunk in no time!

Good luck!
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