



## EDITORIAL

TUCSON (ON) - A total of 119,985 people visited the Observer Web site last month. During the same time period, the a Phoenix based Gay and Lesbian magazine's Web site had 108,050 hits. It was less than a year ago that the Observer revamped their Web site, and has grown to where every day, more than 160 people per hour log on to [tucsonobserver.com](http://tucsonobserver.com).

This is the first time that the online version of The Observer has become the number one Internet outlet for Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender (GLBT) news in the Southwest. Sort of the equivalent of the Chicago Cubs winning the World Series, or UPN winning a television sweeps ratings battle, or is it?

Some Phoenicians commented that Tucson is better informed on GLBT issues, something the overworked and underpaid management, staff and writers continue to strive to do, or to paraphrase Susan Lucci, at her acceptance speech for her Emmy, finally winning after 19 nominations, "we're going to go back to the office and type it for all it's worth!"

An openly Gay state legislator from Tucson, who avidly reads the Observer print edition and goes online to partake in the weekly expanded edition on [tucsonobserver.com](http://tucsonobserver.com), said they weren't surprised, due to the quality of the stories and the in-depth coverage, which is something they feel is missing in other publications catering to the same audience, and that The Observer is finally getting the acknowledgment which it so deserved. So true.

An openly Gay reporter for the Tucson daily morning newspaper put it, "I think it's cool." That's something the management, staff and writers of The

Observer, print and online, think too.

As we all know, most of Arizona's openly Gay elected officials come from the Phoenix area. When a couple of them were informed that according to Arbitron, (a media ratings corporation), the Observer based in the 62<sup>nd</sup> ranked media market in the U.S., had received more Internet hits than their local one, based in the 15<sup>th</sup> ranked media market in the country, they had a mixed reaction. One expressed their pleasure for the success of [tucsonobserver.com](http://tucsonobserver.com), another was surprised, stating they didn't just couldn't believe it was bigger than [cchomag.com](http://cchomag.com). At least for September it was. For more months to come, who knows, but The Observer will enjoy the moment in the Sun.

Tucson GLBT community activists stated that The Observer, both print and online, does an excellent job getting the word out to the people on issues covering a variety of topics of concern, and they weren't surprised in the least about the success of [tucsonobserver.com](http://tucsonobserver.com).

GLBT activists commented that it was exciting that [tucsonobserver.com](http://tucsonobserver.com) was pulling in the numbers. For the most important reason, according to them, was The Observer was providing an online news outlet to GLBT citizens in the far reaches of Arizona, the U.S. and the globe.

What does the management and staff of The Observer, both print and online, think about this? They think a big thank you is in order to the most important people not mentioned so far in this story, the readers, who continue to read the print edition and surf the Web site. The work will continue, and the management and staff hopes to build on this, continuing to improve their coverage as one of the few GLBT weekly newspapers and Web sites in the United States.

## Relief Efforts Extend To G/L Survivors

NEW YORK, NY (PNO) - Gay and Lesbian partners of victims of the September 11 terrorist attacks are eligible for financial support from relief agencies, and East Coast advocacy groups are rushing to make sure they get it.

"It's important that survivors know the community is there to advocate and fight for them," said Matt Foreman, executive director of Empire State Pride Agenda, which is asking agencies for written policies about domestic partner benefits.

Foreman estimates that there may be at least 40 survivors whose partners were killed in the World Trade Center attack. The Empire State organization and the Human Rights Campaign bought ads in the

Washington Blade and New York Blade newspapers this week to let readers know about the available benefits.

"For most Gay and Lesbian survivors, their automatic reaction is that they won't be eligible for these kinds of funds because their family has no recognition," said Joe Tarver, spokesman for Empire State Gay Agenda.

"We're trying to reach out and tell them there are relief funds that are going to consider an expanded definition of family," Tarver said. "If you're having a hard time paying your rent if your partner died and was a primary breadwinner, we want people to know that assistance is out there."

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## Number Of Employers Offering Domestic Partner Benefits Jumps 50% in Two Years

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Domestic partner health insurance benefits have increased by 50 percent in the last two years among U.S. employers, a clear indication that these benefits make good business sense, according to a report released by the Human Rights Campaign Foundation.

At least 712 U.S. employers added domestic partner health insurance benefits from August 2000 through August 2001 according to "The State of the Workplace for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Americans." This was an increase of 20 percent over 2000.

As of August 2001, a total of 4,284 companies, colleges and universities and state and local governments were offering or had announced they would offer health insurance coverage to the domestic partners of their employees, the study found. This was up from 3,572 employers in 2000 and 2,856 in August 1999 - a 50 percent increase in two years.

In addition, the number of Fortune 500 companies offering DP benefits has more than doubled in the past three years, from 61 in 1998 to 145 in 2001. In fact, more Fortune 500 companies - 36 - have added domestic partner benefits in 2001 than in any year since the HRC Foundation has tracked the trend.

"Domestic partner benefits continued to spread at a brisk pace over the last year," said Kim I. Mills, education director of the Human Rights Campaign and editor of the report. "We believe employers are bringing their policies into line with the changing makeup of the American family - as demonstrated in census data released this year - and to the growing body of evidence that these benefits are a low-cost means of attracting and retaining good employees."

Mills oversees HRC WorkNet, the organization's workplace project, which has tracked these and related trends since 1995. Its database and other information are accessible at <http://www.hrc.org/worknet>.

Daryl Herrschaft, manager of HRC WorkNet and principal author of the report, noted that while the study found no reduction in the number of employers adding domestic partner benefits, "it may be too soon to tell what, if any, impact we might see from rising health insurance costs, and the economic instability that began with the bursting of the high-tech bubble and has worsened since the attacks against the United States on September 11."

Employers continued to add sexual orientation to their non-discrimination

policies as well. As of Aug. 15, 2001, HRC WorkNet had identified 2,001 companies, colleges and universities, state and local governments and federal agencies that had written non-discrimination policies covering sexual orientation. This represents an increase of 293 employers, or 17 percent, in one year.

This included 294, or 59 percent, of Fortune 500 companies. HRC WorkNet found 39 Fortune 500 companies added sexual orientation to their non-discrimination policies during the period covered by the report, a 15 percent increase over the prior year.

### Other key findings:

Eleven states, the District of Columbia and 122 cities and counties ban anti Gay discrimination in workplaces in their jurisdictions. (During the period covered by this report, one state - Maryland - passed a law prohibiting sexual orientation discrimination in employment, housing and public accommodations. However, that law will not go into effect Oct. 1 as slated because a conservative coalition has filed petitions seeking a referendum on the law in November 2002. The petition signatures are currently being challenged in court.)

An increasing number of governments are enacting prohibitions against job discrimination based on gender identity. Two states - Minnesota and Iowa - the District of Columbia and 32 cities or counties protect Transgender or gender-different employees by law or executive order.

Where data is available, two-thirds of employers that offer domestic partner benefits offer them to both same-sex and opposite-sex partners.

Since August 2000, two states passed measures to provide domestic partner health insurance benefits: Maine and Rhode Island. A total of eight states and 105 cities, counties and quasi-governmental agencies provide domestic partner benefits.

The higher on the Fortune 500 list a company is, the more likely it is to offer domestic partner benefits and prohibit discrimination based on sexual orientation. A total of 79 percent of the Fortune 100 and 88 percent of the Fortune 50 prohibit sexual orientation discrimination. While 29 percent of the Fortune 500 companies provide DP benefits, 54 percent of Fortune 50 companies offer the benefits.

The data in this report come from a variety of sources, including: direct reporting to HRC WorkNet

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# UPDATE

## TLGA Update

TUCSON - The Tucson Lesbian Gay Alliance (TLGA) is proud to announce "Out in the Desert" as the theme for OUToberFEST 2001. It's just about a week away till OUToberFEST 2001 "Pride in the Desert," taking place Saturday, October 13, DeMeester Band Shell, Reid Park, Tucson, 10:00 am till 8:00 p.m.

OUToberFEST is ten hour extravaganza celebrating everything about the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgendered Community. Where else, locally, can you chill with 9,000 of your brothers and sisters, dance, see old friends and meet new ones, apply for a job as a police officer, find a Gay investment broker, watch all the entertainment and find that charming item you so desperately needed, all on your way over to your favorite spiritual group's booth to arrange your spring wedding, all while munching on your food of your choice.

This years entertainment headliner will be Pepper Ma Shay, performing music from "Queer as Folk". Additional performers will be Leann Savage with Shockadelica, DJ Panter from LA, Alegria women's barbershop quartet, Ken Thames pianist, Tom Maza classical guitar, Desert Voices, Reveille, Barba Williams performance company - ethnic dance theater, Slack Jaw, Salud es Poder, Fuerza Latina, Dance Inc., Laurie Riccobono, and Illusionists: Ben Healy, Faith Michaels, Aja Simone, Janee Starr, Bunny Fu Fu, Electra Blue, and Kenneth Blake.

TLGA is seeking a sponsor or donations of materials for a "Free Expression Art Wall". Contact Tom Maza, (520) 325-7403 if you can help with this project.

TLGA needs the community coming forward on this day and giving a few hours of his or her time volunteering. You'll be amazed at how easy it is to do such a very important job, and if you really like helping create a stronger community, consider becoming a full time Board member with TLGA, any one can do it, and TLGA will mentor those who would like to learn about any position in particular. For information about the event, TLGA, or volunteering call the OUTline at (520) 622-3200, it's a message line, so leave a clear, detailed message and the appropriate person will return your call.

## Desert Voices To Hold A Silent Auction

TUCSON - Desert Voices, Arizona's premiere Lesbian and Gay chorus, presents JOY, a cabaret concert and silent auction benefit on Saturday, October 20. The fourth annual event kicks off the chorus' thirteenth anniversary season, Harmony.

This evening of groovy tunes and savvy shopping features guest artist Deian McBryde. Mr. McBryde has performed standards and comedy in nightclubs and cabarets across the US, Europe and Australia. In 1998, Deian was named one of "America's Men We Love" by Girlfriends Magazine, and held a #1 spot on the Outvoice Music Charts for both his debut CD, Mollyboy, and his cover of "My Heart Belongs to Daddy." Outmusic awarded him the first-ever OMA Award as 2001 Outmusician of the Year. Described as "perky, kooky, bubbly and dandy", Deian has released two recordings and looks forward to wooing Tucson audiences.

The silent auction will feature more than one hundred items, including autographed CDs from kd lang, Elton John and Holly Near, vacation getaways to Inn of the Turquoise Bear in Santa Fe and Chapman Guest House in Las Vegas, artwork, items for the home, restaurant gift certificates and more. An autographed photo and script from the cast of NBC's Will & Grace will be auctioned live at the event.

You have opportunity to meet and mingle, shop til you drop, and be joyfully entertained! The event will feature food donated by local restaurants and chefs, and an open bar. The auction and concert will take place at the International Arts Center (Muse) at 516 North Fifth Avenue, across the street from Wingspan.

Desert Voices is grateful to this season's sponsors: American Airlines, Bentley's, Blavod, and Woody's. Desert Voices is also supported in part by Community Foundation of Southern Arizona, Tucson Pima Arts Council, Arizona Commission on the Arts, and the National Endowment for the Arts. Tickets are \$15 in advance and \$20 at the door (if available). Season tickets include cabaret seating at the event. Tickets can be purchased at Antigone Books, Tucson Trunk, Rainbow Planet Coffeehouse, Hear's Music and Zip's University or by calling the chorus hotline at (520) 791-9662.



STEPHEN M. HALL  
April 8, 1960 - September 29, 2001

TUCSON - Stephen Hall, the man credited with nurturing Tucson's Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgendered community center from a fledgling organization to an established community resource, died Saturday, September 29, at the age of 41, the Arizona Daily Star reported.

Hall died at St. Mary's Hospital of complications from HIV, said Kent Burbank, a close friend and executive director of Wingspan.

Last week, Hall was honored for his service and devotion to the Wingspan organization, Burbank said. Many say his efforts were instrumental in establishing the center in the community.

Hall moved to Tucson from Las Vegas, where he worked as an accountant, about seven years ago with Bill Haller, his partner of 14 years, Burbank said.

The two had their dream home built on Tucson's far East Side and Hall, unable to work because of his failing health, began volunteering at Wingspan.

Hall would continue to volunteer at the center, eventually joining its board and serving as board president from November 1998 to November 2000.

Burbank said it was Hall's vision and financial expertise that convinced other Wingspan officials to expand and improve the center's services.

Hall is also survived by his parents, Jim and Mildred Hall, and a brother, Tim, all of Texas, said Burbank.

A memorial celebrating Steve's life will be held on Wednesday, Oct. 3 at 5:00 p.m. at the home, 8151 S. Pistol Hill road. For directions call 624-1779. In lieu of flowers the family requests contributions to Wingspan or your favorite charity.

## Diane Schuur Concert

TUCSON - Diane Schuur, a two-time Grammy award winner and one-time Tucsonan, will perform with her jazz ensemble, Reveille Gay Men's Chorus and Tucson Jazz Society Orchestra at "Crescendo," an evening of jazz, a one-night only performance, Saturday, October 20, 8:00 p.m. at the TCC Music Hall.

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## Relief Efforts Extend To G/L Survivors

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Several of the most eulogized victims of the attacks were Gay. Mark Bingham, a 31-year-old public relations executive, may have helped overpower hijackers on United Airlines Flight 93, which crashed into the Pennsylvania countryside. And the Rev. Mychal Judge, the openly Gay Catholic chaplain of the New York City Fire Department, was killed by debris as he gave last rites to a victim.

According to media reports, at least five Gay men died on the flights that crashed into the World Trade Center and the Pentagon, including one of the pilots.

The American Red Cross, which has raised more than \$200 million for disaster relief, is sending checks to surviving victims and the families of those who died. The Red Cross will not discriminate against Gays, said spokesman Chris Thomas.

"We're trying to be as open as possible, and if someone is a domestic partner we will honor that," Thomas said. "We want to make sure that we honor with dignity each person we serve."

Thomas said the Red Cross would investigate any claims of mistreatment of Gays by staff members.

Another major relief agency, the United Way, is sending donations to Safe Horizons, a New York City victims services organization, Foreman said. Safe Horizons has indicated that it will give relief to domestic partners, he said.

Gay surviving partners are not eligible for Social Security or workers' compensation benefits because they were not married to the victims.

While relief officials say they're willing to work with Gay survivors, they don't have written policies in place to guarantee assistance, Foreman said.

"This is not the first disaster in the country," he added, "and we should not have to be facing these issues because of this disaster. It provides a sad opportunity for us to leverage change."

People who need financial assistance as a direct result of the attacks should call the New York-based Antiviolence Project at (212) 714-1184 or the Stonewall Community Foundation at (646) 230-6999. The foundation is also accepting donations for a Gay relief fund.

Anyone, having trouble getting assistance should call Empire State Pride Agenda at (212) 627-0305 or the Human Rights Campaign at (202) 628-4160.

## News From Pima County HIV/AIDS Care Consortium

TUCSON - The Pima County HIV/AIDS CARE Consortium serves as a planning body for health and social services for people living with HIV/AIDS in Pima County, and is responsible for the administration of federal Ryan White CARE Act Title II funds. The Consortium includes people living with HIV/AIDS, HIV service providers, and interested community members. The Consortium meets monthly at the Community Foundation for Southern Ari-

zona, 2250 E. Broadway, on the third Wednesday of each month. New members are welcome at any time.

New meeting time: Beginning October 17, the Consortium will have flexible meeting times in order to make the meetings more accessible to people with other daytime commitments. During the months of October, January, April, and July the meetings will be held from 5:00 - 6:30 p.m., and will include an education forum. The Oct. 17 meeting topic will be "Let's Talk About Sex", led by David Hoover from the Pima County Health Department. Meetings are held from 3:30 - 5:00 p.m. the other months of the year.

Your input needed: The Consortium will also be conducting their annual needs assessment process this Fall. The needs assessment guides the funding allocations for the contract year that begins in April 2002. You are invited to give your input into what you think are the greatest needs for people living with HIV/AIDS in Pima County by completing a survey or participating in a focus group. Look for more information on the needs assessment activities at area HIV service providers.

Call Beth Carey or Jay Moman at (520) 770-0800 for more information about the Consortium meetings and upcoming needs assessment process.

## GLSEN: Who We Are; What We Do

TUCSON - GLSEN (Gay Lesbian Straight Education Network) is the leading national organization fighting to end anti-Gay bias in K-12 schools.

GLSEN combats harassment and discrimination leveled against students and school personnel. Local chapters work with their school boards, educators, and librarians to create positive change in their hometown schools.

The Tucson Chapter of GLSEN has been working toward making area schools safe for GLBT students and staff. As part of its annual Back to School Project two years ago, GLSEN Tucson sent information and brochures on GLBT youth to every school principal in Pima County. Last year, the local chapter sent information and brochures, a GLBT bibliography, and a copy of AM I BLUE, an anthology of Gay-themed adolescent literature, to every middle and high school librarian in Pima County.

This year GLSEN Tucson is sponsoring the local premier of the film YOUTH OUT LOUD. It will be part of Wingspan's seventh annual Lesbian and Gay Film Festival October 18-21. YOUTH OUT LOUD gives an insight to GLBT youth and their teachers. It will show at 3 p.m. on October 20 at The Screening Room 127 E Congress. The screening will be followed by a forum led by local GLBT students and educators. Tickets for the film are \$6 and may be purchased at the venue or Antigone Books.

GLSEN Tucson meets the first Thursday of each month at 4:30 p.m. at Wingspan. Anyone interested in supporting GLSEN Tucson's mission is encouraged to attend. Donations may be sent to: GLSEN Tucson, 4800 W Placita del Quetzal, Tucson, AZ 85745.

website: [ibts.net](http://ibts.net)

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# POLITICS 2001

by Mark R. Kerr

## 'One Bill'

Rep. Barney Frank (D-MA) hailed the successful effort to defeat an amendment, on the D.C. Appropriations measure, put forward by the House Republican leadership prohibiting the District of Columbia from using its own money to implement a local domestic partners law. The anti Gay amendment was defeated by a vote of 194-226.

Since 1992, Congress has prohibited the District of Columbia from using either Federal or local funds to implement Health Care Benefits Expansion Act of 1992, a law approved by the D.C. City Council establishing a system of registration for unmarried, cohabitating couples, whether homosexual or heterosexual, for the purpose of extending employment, health or governmental benefits to those couples on the same basis that such benefits are extended to legally married couples.

During debate in the House Appropriations Committee, Rep. Jim Kolbe (R-AZ) and Rep. James Moran (D-VA) offered an amendment to allow the District to use its own money to implement its domestic partners law, while maintaining the ban on Federal funds for the program. That amendment was approved in Committee by a voice vote.

Rep. Dave Weldon (R-FL) offered an amendment to the fiscal year 2002 spending bill for the District of Columbia that would have overturned the Committee vote and maintained the current ban on both local and Federal funds for the program. Earlier, the Republican-led Rules Committee voted to allow the amendment to go to the floor, giving it a special exemption from the rule against legislating on an Appropriations bill, which ordinarily would have prevented the amendment from being offered.

Frank criticized the Rules Committee for protecting the controversial anti-Gay Weldon amendment, saying, "Obviously the call to national unity isn't strong enough to overcome the Republican leadership's desire to persecute Gay and Lesbian Americans."

During debate on the overall spending bill, Frank blasted the supporters of the domestic partnership ban, asking "What motivates you to inflict pain on fellow citizens who have done you no harm?"

Frank also noted the irony that the Pentagon has discussed temporarily suspending the ban on Gays in the military so Gay and Lesbian service members could join the fight against the recent terrorist attacks, at the same time that others were seeking to deny Gay and Lesbian Americans equal protections under D.C. law. Frank implored his House colleagues, "Let them live and let them die freely."

Rep. Tammy Baldwin, D-WI, one of the three openly Gay and Lesbian Members of Congress, said during debate of Weldon's homophobic proposal, "This amendment stands as the only barrier between affordable health care for countless families of city employees. This amendment could mean the difference between a person having a sensible health care plan or no plan at all. It could mean the difference between wellness and illness for the families of city employees. I implore my colleagues, do not continue to overrule the

democratic process that brought this benefit in the first place. The people of this city have spoken, and they have made it clear that health care coverage for domestic partners is wanted and absolutely needed. This amendment is a slap in the face, both to the citizens and the leaders of this city.

"I can only imagine the uproar that would occur if this House sought to directly overturn the municipal law of any other city in this Nation. Let the democratic process stand. Let the District leadership do their job. Let the District spend its own money. Vote "no" on the Weldon amendment, and let the District implement a health care benefit plan for domestic partners and their families for city employees."

The amendment was defeated when 184 Democrats were joined by 41 Republicans in voting against the measure. "The good news is that decency prevailed today in the House of Representatives," said Frank. "The bad news is that the Republican leadership and an overwhelming number of Republicans voted against such decency."

The vote on the Weldon amendment, upset the homophobic, Family Research Council, who issued a blistering memo, criticizing George W. Bush, alleging that he has given an "implicit endorsement" to the "homosexual political agenda."

The memo, written by Family Research Council President Ken Connor, detailed a "disturbing trend" in administration policy, evidenced most recently by a vote in Congress to lift the ban on domestic partner benefits for Gay couples in the District. "We lost this vote because 41 Republicans bolted to join 184 Democrats," the memo said. "Doubtless some of these GOP defectors took a cue from the White House." Connor ticked off a list of offenses: letting openly Gay Rep. Jim Kolbe (R-AZ.), who led the effort to lift the domestic partner benefits ban, speak at the GOP convention; naming former Massachusetts governor Paul Cellucci (R), a "militant advocate of homosexual rights," ambassador to Canada; picking "prominent Gay activist" Scott Evertz to head the White House AIDS office; and putting activist Donald A. Cappocchia on the U.S. Commission on Fine Arts.

The memo also criticized Secretary of State Colin L. Powell for presiding over the swearing in of "openly homosexual foreign service officer" Michael Guest to be ambassador to Romania and recognizing his "partner" of six years, Alex Nevarez, "who reportedly will live with the ambassador" in the official residence in Bucharest.

Still on the subject of the D.C. Appropriations bill, a Republican-sponsored amendment to the District of Columbia's appropriations bill rendered unactionable a June ruling by the D.C. Commission on Human Rights to reinstate two Gay Boy Scout leaders.

The amendment, introduced by arch conservative Rep. John Hostettler, R-IN, prohibits the District government from using its funds to collect damages assessed by the commission against the Scouts for discriminating on the basis of sexual orientation in firing the men.

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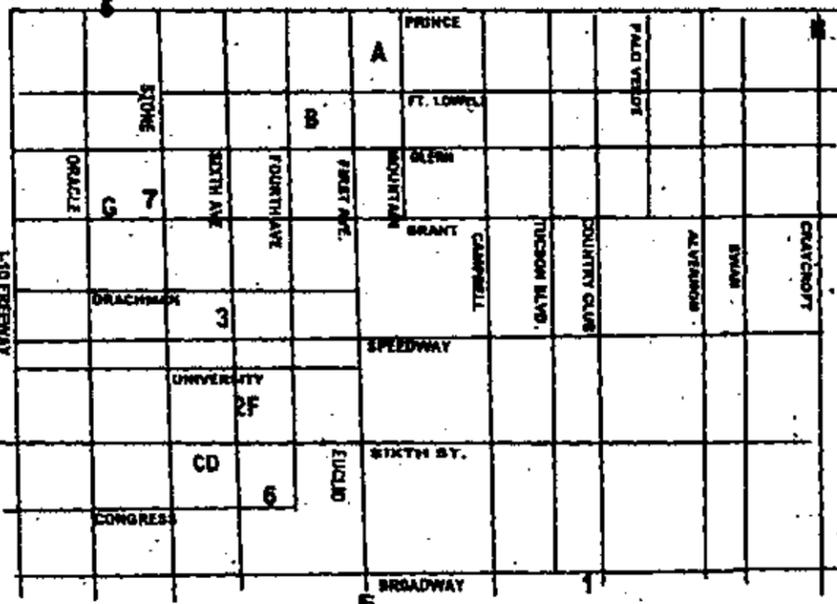
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## OUTWest 2001 Opens October 18

TUCSON - "Hellava Gayla" - October 18, is the Opening Night Celebration. It will take place at the Historic Rialto Theatre, 318 E. Congress. Doors will open at 6:15 p.m. and the program will start at 7:00 p.m. Act 1 will be a full slate of International Animated shorts. Included are the further adventures of "Rick and Steve: The Happiest Gay Couple in the World" (last years Festival favorite) Rick the "versatile top" and Steve "the insatiable bottom" will once again give us a reflection of our lives with parts #2 (Scary Straight People) #3 (Potty Mouth Training) and #4 (Manage a Twat) Other animation pieces in the program are: Star Trek Disco Generation, La Difference, Star Trek Generation Spice, Crash Skid Love, and Vics Mallika. After the Intermission, Act 2 will be the screening of "Sporty Girl's" (Drama Queen), a filmed cabaret performance of Lesbian comedian Georgia Ragsdale. She has been seen on Ellen, was a featured lead in the film "Never Met Picasso", and has been the recipient of back to back development deals for a Norman Lear sitcom. Hailing from Texas, Georgia's career has taken off - with her smile, humor and use of wacky body language - it no wonder. Then, live on stage, the star of the film, Ms. Ragsdale for a live performance. This nationally celebrated, high energy performer brings to life experiences both men and women can relate to. Music will be provided by "Betty Diamond" (Bev Seckinger, Mitzi Cowell), Rebecca Horton, Gillean Delear) and Hors d'oeuvres will be provided by Kingfisher, Barrio, Presidio Grill, Fiorito's and Dakota Cafe. Opening Night is sponsored by Speedway Veterinary Hospital Inc. and the Rainbow Planet Coffeehouse.

and machismo problems in the Latin communities, reflecting the strong influences of religion and family. The second piece "Violencia Domestica" deals with the issues of domestic violence of Lesbians within the Latin community. Their stories unfold as we see the effect, and what choices they have for assistance within that community. From Spain, but shot clandestinely in Havana, "Gladys: A Cuban Mother" deals with a mother explaining to her son (the filmmaker) the importance of her relationships with women in her life. This powerful and informative program is Bi-lingual being sponsored by Wingspan Domestic Violence Center.

At 7:00 p.m., also at The Screening Room (127 E. Congress) will be the film program, "Mixed Bag: Family Fun". A program of short films with interest to all members of the community. Included are film works like "Crip Shots" telling the stories of physically challenged artists through various mediums, stories we don't hear enough of. Also included are: "My Life in Dance", the connection of dance with Gay culture. "Bare" Australian tale of Gay/Lesbian neighbors - "DIVA BS," a irreverent look at how Gay folk put female performers on "Diva Status" and how it relates to our lives- "Lady Godiva" dark addiction - "Wilma's Sacrifice" an escape from Eden- "Home" we all left our hearts in SF, especially with that rent- "Straight Down The Aisle: Confessions of Lesbian Bridesmaids" it tells it like it is. This program is sponsored by Lesbian Looks Film and Video Series and U/A LGBT Studies Committee.

The final program Saturday evening is at 9:00 p.m. "Out in Public" is program of four films. The lead film, "Out in the Open", is a frank dialogue about men's public sex. In this visually titillating documentary we meet 11 men of various backgrounds speaking of the moral issues, monogamy, HIV and the changes we have seen in the community regarding public sex. Very intriguing and timely which will cause discussion. It will be partnered with "Cyberslut", a short look at sex and the internet, a You've got Male. Also included are "Skin" and "Steam Clean", two shorts dealing with "Barebacking" vs. Safe Sex. All films are very explicit with nudity. This program is sponsored by the Gay Men's Health Project and Bears of the Old Pueblo

On Friday evening, October 19, there will be the Southern Arizona premier of San Francisco Fest and OutWest (Los Angeles) favorite, "Big Eden." Film time is 9:30 p.m. at the Crossroads Festival Theater at Grant and Swan roads (Crossroad Festival center). "Big Eden" tells the story of a successful New York artist (Henry) who has to return home to his rural Montana roots due to the illness in the family. Once home Henry finds he must come to terms with an old unrequited love, and spurs of a new interest by a unassuming Native American. This unspoken triangle unfolds under the watchful eyes of the community, in which everyone in town develops a stake in the outcome. The cast is led by Aryes Gross (Ellen, Once and Again, Friends, ER, Just Shoot Me) Eric Schweig (Smoke Signals, Last of the Mohicans, Tom and Huck) and Louise Fletcher (One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest, Cruel Intentions, A Map of the World).

Of Interest to Men, continues, Sunday, October 21, at The Screening Room, 127 E. Congress. At 3:00 p.m., the AIDS Feature: "Undetectable" Our annual tribute to the AIDS WALK by screening a film free to it's participants. This year's film "Undetectable" is an insight into the lives of 6 people, three men and three women, over a four year period, who are dealing with the effect of the "cocktail" and the quality of life it allows. Program sponsor is the Pacific AIDS Education and Training Center.

OUTWest 2001 will continue Saturday October 20th at the Screening Room, 127 E. Congress with a full agenda of films and film programs. Starting at 3:00 p.m., the documentary "Youth Out Loud" will be shown. It gives an insight to GLBT issues in our schools. Stories of youth and their educators - the instructors who are in the trenches dealing with the homophobia and abuse of GLBT students. The current and timely film is being sponsored by GLSEN (Gay, Lesbian and Straight Education Network). There will be a forum afterwards with Tucson Educators and students discussing their agenda to deal with such matters.

The Tucson Jazz Society is sponsoring very special film program at 5:00 p.m. "Q- Music Makers: Then and Now". Two great films. "Tiny and Ruby: Hell Divin' Women" profiles the legendary jazz trumpeter Ernestine "Tiny" Davis and her life partner of over 40 years, drummer Ruby Lucas. Tiny (known as the Queen of Jazz) counterpart to Louis Armstrong, tells of the All Women Jazz Bands (International Sweathearts of Rhythm) that traveled around the country during the 40's. She recounts their musical legend and impact.

At 5:00 p.m., a very special film program, Sobrevivencia Latina/Latin Survival. This program will include three film works: "De Colores", a ground breaking film that deals with the homophobia, guilt

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**COMMENTARY**

**Anti-Gay Bigotry - Despite Crisis**

By Thomas Oliphant

As a response to a security crisis, Executive Order 13223 on September 14 was as routine as they come when America is mobilizing. Except for one thing.

When President Bush signed it three days after the attack, administration officials didn't realize that it would require the government to admit that Bush's call for national unity comes with an asterisk: He doesn't want any openly Gay people involved, no matter how important their skills.

Gay people were pulverized in the World Trade Center towers; they are as vulnerable as any other American to the threat from terrorism; and they have intelligence and military skills vital to a war effort.

But the political imperative of "Don't Ask, Don't Tell," a myth that masks a crude system based on officers' whims instead of due process requires that not even a grave emergency disturb the government's official prejudice.

What's worse, cruel even, is that the initial vagueness of Bush's executive order gave rise to brief hopes and false press reports that perhaps the government was coming to its moral senses. It wasn't, though no official has had the guts to come out and say so.

The bureaucracy of bigotry, were it not devised to hurt people, would be fall-down funny if explained in detail. So here goes nothing:

The order Bush signed gave authority to Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld to issue what are called "stop-loss orders" - in effect halting pending discharges of people who may be needed during the emergency.

It left the details up to him, and Rumsfeld left the details up to each of the armed services.

The order makes all the sense in the world, which is why it is routine. There is an emergency; reservists are being called up; the country faces a crisis of unknowable severity and duration.

Of course you stop business as usual in its tracks and make sure the military's requirements are met.

But if you are halting discharges, involuntary as well as voluntary, what about the Gay men and women getting kicked out because some officer decided to begin proceedings under the nearly 8-year-old system?

Until Rumsfeld sent his own directive, administration officials said no one had realized the implications of generalized "stop-loss orders."

But they had been noticed in the alert Gay community, and within days, there were press reports and rumors that the policy was being at least suspended if not jettisoned.

Not so, said Executive Director C. Dixon Osburn of the Service Members Legal Defense Network, which knows far more than the Pentagon about what reality is like in the military and helps individuals caught in the mess.

In a posting on the network's Web site on September 20, Dixon warned that nothing had changed yet, that "a stop-loss order may or may not include suspension of Gay discharges."

It didn't take long for the bigots to respond officially, though in a way designed to hide what was happening from public notice.

On September 24, the Air Force issued a directive ordering "stop-loss for all skills across the total Air Force for 30 days." It is effective today, and the assumption is that the other services will follow suit.

Under exemptions, there was no mention of Gay people. Instead, to dodge attention, the directive mentions separations under regulations such as AFI 36 3206 and 3207 and 3208.

Those just happen to be the "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" rules covering officers, enlisted people and reservists.

To underline the absurdity of this, the directive specifically notes that no exemptions are in place for officers passed over for promotion to captain, major or lieutenant, the personnel area in which you are most likely to find people who are washing out for real reasons.

As this crisis unfolds, one can hope that superior officers will do what they have always done in times of war - look the other way.

Gay people have distinguished themselves in uniform throughout American history and in all its conflicts.

But officially, the government's position in this emergency is that it will keep some officially mediocre officer and get rid of a Gay person with special skills and an exemplary record.

Put it another way: We could be talking about an intelligence operative who speaks 10 languages; a daredevil helicopter pilot ideal for Afghanistan's terrain; or a special operations veteran who could kill with one finger.

We could be talking about the person who locates Osama bin Laden or rolls up one of his cells anywhere in the world, even in Kansas.

At a minimum, Bush should be required to say in public that if that person is openly Gay, this country doesn't want his or her services in this time of crisis.

[Thomas Oliphant writes for The Boston Globe, from which this article is reprinted.]

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Every three months or so a grumpy old curmudgeon who owns a modest business in Tucson writes a rather rude letter to the Mayor and the members of the City Council. The letters are fairly repetitious. They all go something like this:

Dear City Council Person,

It has come to my attention that the City of Tucson is running a cheap transparent extortion racket based in the local adult entertainment establishments (a.k.a. porn shops). Here's how the racket works: The City licenses and taxes businesses that provide private video booths in their shops, giving them every appearance of legitimacy, and then uses on-duty cops as peeping toms to peck over the walls or under the doors of said booths and arrest people for masturbating therein.

If the victim asks the cops or prosecutors what the City intends people to be doing in these licensed and taxed and locked one-person booths with 40-plus channels of erotica on their videos, they pretend that they have no idea; maybe the City intends that these booths be used for skipping rope or filling out one's tax returns.

As an elected official of the City, how can you justify this sleazy scam whose only rpose is to extort money from law-abiding citizens by deceiving them and then spying on them?

Sincerely, etc.

The grumpy old curmudgeon who regularly writes these letters would really like to know how anyone in authority in a town as big as Tucson in a year as late as 2001 could possibly think that running this scam is a good idea. Unfortunately, neither the Mayor nor any of the Council members has ever seen fit to answer any of these letters or even to acknowledge receiving one. When a former mayor of Tucson was recently asked the same question - "How can anyone in City government think that this racket is good for the City? - he replied, I can't imagine."

What can our politicians be thinking? Perhaps they'd say (if they were talking) that, in the short term, this is a very easy way for the City to raise a buck. After all, we know just exactly where to look for our victims any time of the day or night, and that's quite cost effective. After all, nobody wants to go on trial for masturbation, even if the City's violation of his Fourth Amendment privacy rights makes it likely that he'll be acquitted (see Katz v.

US, People v. Triggs, Bielicki V. Superior Court). Almost all our victims will cough up the \$300 offered in a plea bargain to avoid public humiliation. And the local press isn't likely to expose us in a matter like this that its readers would consider indelicate.

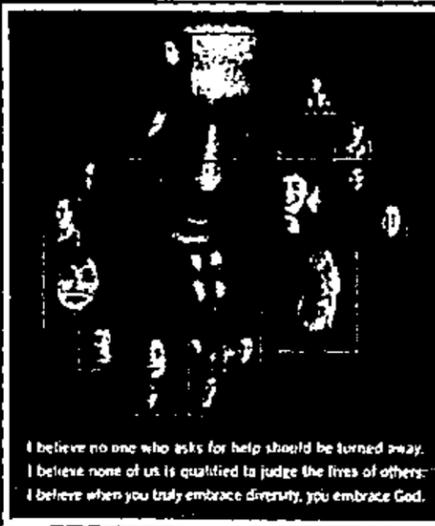
But what do the silent politicians think that running this sleazy scam will do for the City's image in the long run? Do they think that the word won't get out about how low the City is willing to stoop to rob its own citizens? It all turns into a rather interesting question of political science: If the victims are silent about a scam, and the politicians are silent, and the press is silent, can the scam just run along forever generating money for the City without tarnishing its image?

And then there's the issue of "plausible deniability." If the polls came to believe that, in addition to being immoral and disgusting, this hokey 1950s-style scam could be damaging to the City's image, what could they do about it without losing that politically invaluable asset - plausible deniability? In order to raise the issue of whether to put a stop to this little racket, the polls first have to admit to knowing of its existence. If they admit to knowing of its existence, how can they explain their having gone along with it to date?

The clearest way out of the woods here, out of the speed-trap mentality of the '50s and into a less despicable future, might be for lots of ordinary citizens to write to the Mayor and Council and ask them the same question that the grumpy old curmudgeon asks. A politician can always dismiss the lonely old nut case, but if enough people wrote in the polls would soon realize that they no longer had a plausible deniability to protect.

Even then, they wouldn't attack the racket head on. They wouldn't have to. They could save themselves further embarrassment and make the scam go away by simply telling the Police Chief and the City Prosecutor that they expected the Fourth Amendment privacy rights of Tucson citizens using private video booths to be scrupulously respected. Or, if they were in a more casual mood, they could simply tell the home boys, "Fella, looks like the jig is up." End of scam. End of story

[Thorn welcomes comments, suggestions for column topics on national and local issues, and tips on local skulduggery that's going unexposed Write him at Box 85571, Tucson, AZ 85754.]



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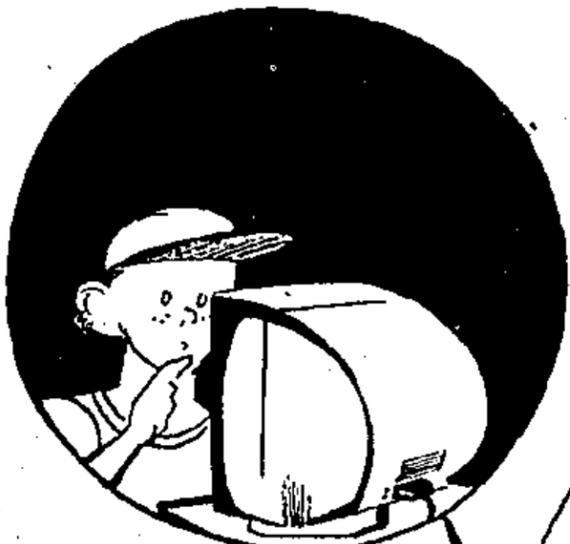
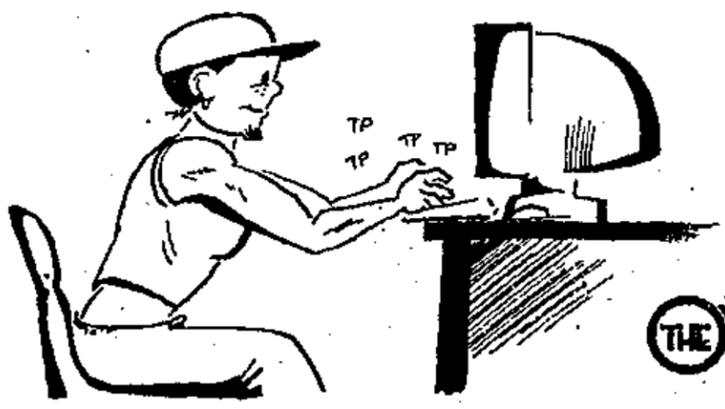


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BY C. LICHTENSTEIN

## LIBRA

**SEPTEMBER 24 - OCTOBER 23**  
Charming Venus, expressive Mercury and exuberant Sun are all in your sign in October. Make good use of this affirming energy by expanding your social circle and showcasing your talents. Gay Libras have much to be proud of so be loud, proud and queer, especially after Mercury redirects on the 23rd. All this social activity costs big bucks. Seek a well endowed advisor.

Remarkable things are in store for those who proudly welcome in the month of October. (After all, it is National Coming Out month.) Venus, Mercury and the Sun all traipse through party hearty Libra. Come out, come out, wherever you are. And when Mercury directs on the 23rd, shout it from the rooftops!

## ARIES

**MARCH 21 - APRIL 20**

Even fiercely independently Gay Rams need a cuddle or two in October when gracious Venus, flirtatious Mercury and affirming Sun work their way through Libra. Personal connections are paramount, especially after the 16th, so spoil your partner silly. Unleash your closeted ghouls after the 23rd when Mercury redirects; they need some airing Out and so do you, friend.

## TAURUS

**APRIL 21 - MAY 21**

If they say that an army travels on it's stomach, they must be talking about an army of proud Bulls. Early in October, especially after the 16th, kind Venus, contemplative Mercury and the inspiring Sun turn your attention to diet and fitness. Put your shoulder to the wheel. All good efforts pay off after the 24th when you feel in shipshape for romance. Hello sailor!

## GEMINI

**MAY 22 - JUNE 21**

Queer Twins rouse their Gay muse in early October. Venus, Mercury and Sun hover in artistic Libra through the month so use this time not only to expand your creative abilities but also to have a darn good time. Mercury goes direct after the 23rd and your mind turns to more pragmatic projects. Can you resist the urge to push a few paperclips at work? This too shall pass.

## CANCER

**JUNE 22 - JULY 23**

Pink Crabs are content to park in their shells in early October when Venus, Mercury and the Sun lounge in sociable Libra. The world (and assorted skags) beat a path to your door. Play Suzy Homemaker until the 24th and then toss off your fuzzy pink slippers and get Out and party hearty. Seek out and enjoy a Halloween ball... or two.

## LEO

**JULY 24 - AUGUST 23**

Send out a rainbow missive in early October. Regal Gay Lions are inspired by Venus, Mercury and the Sun in charming Libra to tell the immediate world what they think. Vocalize after the 23rd when Mercury redirects. Almost immediately, your mind shifts to personal and family issues. It's time to take off your mask for Mom and Dad. The disguise fools no one.

## VIRGO

**AUGUST 24 - SEPTEMBER 23**

Queer Virgins should keep their eye on the bottom line in early October when Venus, Mercury and the Sun turn the screws on finances. You are tempted to buy happiness and fulfillment but everybody knows that money can only buy lurid and tawdry times. (Sounds good to me...) Here's wishing you more tricks than treats for Halloween.

## SCORPIO

**OCTOBER 24 - NOVEMBER 22**

Volunteering for a great Gay cause produces great Gay results in early October. Passionate proud Scorps should jump in with both feet and will emerge victorious. Everything begins to shift after National Coming Out Day. Fairly soon after that, your attention turns to new thrills and chills. Avoid the retro Mercury spills, however, by planning out all possible scenarios.

## SAGITTARIUS

**NOVEMBER 23 - DECEMBER 22**

Celebrate Coming Out opportunities by joining friends in a variety of social activities. Plan get togethers or join an organization where you meet kindred souls. Proud Archers can rule the group dynamic, but grab the crown before the 24th. After that, the Sun demands that you consider more altruistic pursuits. Is there more to life than the perfect martini? Hard to believe, but yes.

## CAPRICORN

**DECEMBER 23 - JANUARY 20**

Corporate Gay Caps are in the prime of their career this October when it appears that you can do no wrong professionally. Get your inspiration from the glorious Sun, expressive Venus and strategic Mercury, especially after the 23rd. Don your pinstripes before the 24th. After that you will focus your attention on affirming pals rather than discouraging politicians.

## AQUARIUS

**JANUARY 21 - FEBRUARY 19**

Aqueerians feel especially expansive and worldly this October thanks to Sun, Mercury and Venus which highlight global enterprises. Broadcast your views and reach out to the many rather than to a close few after the 23rd but first test the message after the 16th. After the 24th you have an opportunity to blow in the car of a particular powerbroker who can make things happen.

## PISCES

**FEBRUARY 20 - MARCH 20**

Rainbow Fish are tickled pink this National Coming Out month as the Sun, Mercury and Venus stoke your passionate fires. I smell something cooking! Serve up your spicy desires after the 16th as Venus enters charismatic Libra. After the 23rd, Mercury redirects and your expeditions to sexy parts unknown locates the golden honey pot. Don't eat it all in one sitting, lover!

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# Film Festival "OUTwest 2001"

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Tiny also spins tales of backstage antics, dealings with segregation, the life on the road, all filled with laughter, pathos and great music. "El Rey de Rock and Roll" - Encore from the Arizona International Film Festival. His real name is Robert Lopez. On stage, he wears an open shirt, gold chains, tight pants that flare out at the bottom - a pencil thin mustache, glossy black pompadour, and come hither eyes. He may not have the exact Elvis look, but definitely the heart. To his fans across Mexico and in Europe he is El Vez, the Mexican Elvis. Queer - El Vez also tackles many issues regarding Mexican social and political consciousness in addition to safe sex, homophobia, and racism, with "more costume changes in an hour show than Diana Ross."

One should check out the entire Festival schedule of films, they are as varied as our "family". Poster/Flyers with film times and venues are available at businesses throughout the community. The Festival offers three types of tickets. Producer Passes (\$40) allowing entry to all films screening and festivities. Opening Night (\$15) allowing admittance to the October 18th "Hella-va Gayla". Starting October 1, both will be available at Wingspan, 300 N. 6th Street (Monday - Friday, 11:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.) The Rainbow Planet Coffeehouse, 606 N. 4th Ave, and Antigone Books, 411 N. 4th Ave. This year tickets for the individual films and film programs (\$6) can be purchased in advance. They will be available at Opening Night and at all festival venue box offices. Seating is limited-purchase early.



Eric Schweig stars in "Big Eden", October 19<sup>th</sup> at Crossroads Festival Theatre, part of OUTWest 2001, Tucson's 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Lesbian & Gay Film Festival

## POLITICS

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"It basically takes the teeth out of the ruling," said Hostettler spokesman Michael Jahr. He crowed that the passage of the amendment makes the human rights commission's finding against the BSA "just another sheet of paper floating around the bureaucracy."

The commission ruled in June that Michael Geller, 39, and Roland Pool, 40, "were subjected to humiliation, embarrassment and indignity" when the Boy Scouts revoked their membership in 1992. The commission summarily ordered the National Capital Area Council to readmit both men and to pay each \$50,000 in compensatory damages in addition to their attorney fees.

It was the first time such a judgment has been rendered against the Boy Scouts since the Supreme Court ruled 5 to 4 last year that the organization had a First Amendment right to "expressive associa-

tion" that would be violated if it were forced to admit Gays.

Hostettler's amendment states that "[t]he District of Columbia may not use any of its funds to issue, implement, administer, or enforce any order invalidating the policy of the Boy Scouts of America regarding the employment or voluntary service of homosexual troop leaders."

Democratic D.C. Delegate Eleanor Holmes Norton tried unsuccessfully to blunt the impact of Hostettler's amendment by asking Congress to limit the enforcement prohibition to federal funds. "This is not even-handed," she said. "It says the decision, which is against the Boy Scouts, cannot be enforced."

Norton said Congress at least should have waited until the case, appealed by the Boy Scouts in July to a D.C. appeals court, was decided. ...

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Dear Dr. X:

I'm thinking of getting my penis pierced (a Prince Albert). I am concerned about sex after it's done. Can I tear or break a condom?

Signed: Dick

Dear Dick:

There are many variables. The type of ring or bar you use will have a big impact. I would give it a test by masturbating with a condom on and trying to break it. Using extra lubricant inside the condom can help and will add sensitivity as well. I would ask some perspective bottoms how they feel about insertion of pierced penises inside of them. My real question for you is why do you want this piercing? We seem to be in a piercing frenzy. Is it a fad or a long time passion? Remember that you will have two holes in your penis now instead of just one (some men have to put a finger over one hole when peeing).

Follow the guidelines from the piercer and make sure they are reputable and use sterile tools. I am sure you don't want some ugly infection, which would be really gross. I would consult some guys who have them and get the pros and cons. I haven't seen any documented cases of PA's tearing a condom but that doesn't mean it can't happen. I would avoid extra thin condoms, but the bottom line is if it isn't sharp there is not much to worry about.

Dear Dr. X:

I am dating a guy that doesn't want to do anything except drink and have sex. Before I met him I was involved in many different activities and now when we get together he just wants to go out, drink and then come home and have sex. I can't complain about the sex but I am getting bored with the same old thing.

Do you think he is an alcoholic? Everything he wants to do for social interaction is bar oriented. I also think the sex is about getting drunk and horny. What do you think?

Signed, Same Old Thing

Dear SOT:

You know him better than I do. Is he afraid of intimacy? Does he show signs of internalized homophobia?

If he wants to keep things at the bar it could be the alcohol but it could also be that he is uncomfortable being Gay outside of a Gay environment. If you don't want to have sex with him every time you go out with him then don't. Maybe he doesn't realize how many other things you can do together outside of the bars. I would be very assertive in making a plan that didn't include booze or sex and see if he will follow through.

I have been in a similar situation more than once and the bottle usually won out. I am concerned that maybe he thinks he doesn't have much to offer without getting a little drunk first. A lot of people get drunk or high before sex because it lowers their inhibitions and they are more relaxed when the issue of sex comes up. Try talking to him about your feelings. If he won't talk about your concerns I suggest you end it now before you compromise yourself any further.

[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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## Non-Bar Calendar

Groups / Clubs / Organizations

### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 5

Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. Join Jerry and Les for Game Night. The night is open to all sorts of games-both of the card and board variety. For reservations and directions, please call Les at 690-9565.

### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 6

Tucson Prime Timers Breakfast, 9:00 a.m. at The Blue Willow Restaurant, 2816 N. Campbell Ave. Call Don S. 822-1835 for reservations.

1. Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 8:00 a.m. Join Curt as he leads the guys on a moderate hike of 3-5 miles. For directions and reservations, please call Curt at 722-1842.

2. Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 9:00 a.m. Join Rick for a fund morning of Volleyball. This is played for fun, and you'll get to know some nice guys as you play. For details and directions, please call Rick at 818-1616.

3. Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. Join us for our monthly Potluck and Social Gathering where we invite you to have dinner and get to know the nice guys of MSN. It's a nice, safe setting in which to meet new men and greet old friends. For reservations and directions, please call Jerry at 690-9565.

### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 7

Tucson Prime Timers Lunch, 1:00 p.m. at The Wildcat House, 1801 N. Stone.

Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 1:30 p.m. Come to another Music Appreciation as we watch and listen to "Richter, the enigma". For directions and reservations, please call Lloyd at 792-8537.

### MONDAY, OCTOBER 8

Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 6:00 p.m. The Triangle Tribe is a support group that helps you deal with yourself and your relationships with others. For directions and reservations, please call Tom at 318-1650.

### TUESDAY, OCTOBER 9

T-SQUARES, Tucson's Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgendered square dance group, open to all, is starting its fall beginner's dance season from 8:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Cornerstone Fellowship Social Hall, 2909 N. Geronimo (one block north of Glenn, two blocks west of First Ave.). On-going dances will continue every Tuesday. Wear comfortable clothes. No partner needed. Come check it out. For more information call Michael 884-8320 or Carol 749-1617.

1. Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. Perry hosts Bridge Night. If you're a beginner or an old pro, join the guys for a fun, relaxed night of Bridge. For reservations, please call Perry at 321-4387.

2. Today is the last day to make your reservations for the Sunday, October 14th Brunch at Tanque Verde Guest Ranch. For directions and reservations, please call Lloyd at 792-8537.

### THURSDAY, OCTOBER 11

Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 11:30 a.m. Join the guys for a Lunch Out at the Desert Diamond Casino. We'll eat at their facilities, then those who want to gamble can have at it. For reservations, please call Les at 690-9565.

### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 12

1. 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. For reservations and directions, please call Bruce at 743-3890.

2. Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): Next Friday, we'll begin a three-day weekend getaway to Phoenix. Dinners and other activities are planned. For more information, please call Donn at 975-5666.

### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 13

OUTOBERFEST 2001 takes place from 10:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. at Reid Park in Tucson sponsored by the Tucson Lesbian-Gay Alliance (TLGA). Mark this date and watch for more information. Attended by thousands and thousands. Be There!

1. Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 10:00 a.m. Join the men of MSN as they head off to Reid Park for the annual Outoberfest-Tucson's Gay Pride.

2. Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 6:00 a.m. Marv will be hosting Pinochle Night. A light potluck is at 6, followed by an evening of pinochle at 7. For more information, please call Marv at 745-0304.

### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 14

Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 1:00 p.m. Lloyd hosts our semi-annual visit to the Tanque Verde Guest Ranch for a wonderful meal and the company of great guys. For directions and reservations, please call Lloyd at 792-8537.

### MONDAY, OCTOBER 15

Tucson Prime Timers Lunch 1:00 p.m. at the Wildcat House, 1801 N. Stone Ave., between Grant and Speedway.

Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 6:00 p.m. The Triangle Tribe is a support group that helps you deal with yourself and your relationships with others. For directions and reservations, please call Tom at 318-1650.

## BAR CALENDAR

OF UPCOMING EVENTS

### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 3

IBTS - 9:00 p.m. It's the "Girlie Show" hosted by Lucinda Holliday and starring Janeo Starr, Samantha White and Ivanna Bump.

### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 6

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ- Drag Kings! Men of Club Casanova in New York come to town for an evening of fun. It's a drag: Mo B. Dick and the "Men of Casanova" bring world-famous genderbenders to the stage here. Leading the pack with a Brooklyn drawl and a butch swagger is Mo B. Dick. Time Out Magazine in New York says, "The bottom line is that this study greaser is just plain brilliant". You won't want to miss these drag kings. Cover \$5.00 in advance or \$7.00 at the door and worth every penny! Get here early!

### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 7

IBTS - Party line-up includes Jeff's Bloody Mary Recovery Bar from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Karaoke with Billy Dee on the patio from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m., Benefit Bar-B-Que / Beer Bust from 5:30 to 8:00 p.m. This week's proceeds go to Tucson interfaith HIV/AIDS Network (TIAN). Then at 8:00 p.m. sign up for the "Wet Shorts Contest" which starts at 9:30 p.m. \$125.00 for first place winner. Minimum of four contestants a must!

### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 10

IBTS - 9:00 p.m., "The Girlie Show" starring Aja Simone, Faith Michaels, Ivanna Bump and Samantha White.

### WEDNESDAY, OCT. 30 - HALLOWEEN

IBTS - The annual Halloween Black and White Ball. Don't miss this great event. Mark your calendars and find a costume! More details later.

### THURSDAY, OCTOBER 18

Opening night for OUTWest, the 7th annual Lesbian and Gay Film Festival presented by Wingspan. "A Hellava Gayle" will be held at the historic Rialto Theater, 301 Congress St. The Box Office will open at 6:00 p.m. and the doors open at 6:15. The musical stylings of the all-women band "Betty Diamond" will again grace the evening's celebration. There will be a cash bar and hors d'oeuvres will be provided courtesy of Kingfisher, Barrio, Presidio Grill, Fioritas and Dakota Cafe. The schedule of films will start at 7:00 p.m. and will be in two acts. Act one is full of laughter and creative genius with a full slate of international animations. Act Two starting at approximately 8:30 will be the feature film, "Sporty Girls" a fast paced cabaret performance by comedian Georgia Ragadale. For more information call Wingspan, 624-1779.

### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 19

Tucson's Lesbian and Gay Film Festival, sponsored by Wingspan - OUTWest 2001, will be the Arizona premiere of the feature "Julie Johnson: (USA2000). 7:00 p.m. The brilliant Lili Taylor (I Shot Andy Warhol, The Addiction, Gaudi Afternoon) and the unforgettable Courtney Love (People vs. Larry Flint) team up to give the best performances of their careers in this Lesbian theme picture. Crossroads Festival Theater (aka Grand Cinemas), 4811 E. Grant road (Grant and Swan roads) will be the new Host. Films for the festival will be screened in Theatre One of the sbt theatre complex, with a seating capacity of 244. At 9:30 will be the Southern Arizona premiere of "Big Eden", the story of a successful New York artist who has to return home to his rural Montana roots. Once home he finds he must come to terms with an old unrequited love, and spurs of a new interest by an unassuming Native American. For more information call Wingspan, 624-1779.

Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): Noon. Today begins a three-day weekend getaway to Phoenix. A list of places to stay will be available. Donn is hosting a dinner at the My Florist Cafe this evening, and other activities are planned. For more information, please call Donn at 975-5666.

### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 20

1. Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 9:00 a.m. Join Rick for a fun morning of Volleyball. This is played for fun, and you'll get to know some nice guys as you play. For details and directions, please call Rick at 818-1616.

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## Daily Bar Calendar

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### 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 3pm. Daily special til 7pm. Patio Beer bust 3-7. Burger Bar-B-Que 5-7. (Donation only).

WOODY'S - Open Noon. Dart tournament 3pm. Happy Hour 3-7pm. Patio Bar open 5-close. Pick-up Volleyball games 5-7. \$2.50 sitcom 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. 9pm to close. Uncle Muncie! Happy Hour prices for those in their undies. Plus, small pitchers Bud/Bud Light \$1.50. DJ Rayman plays house music 9pm to close. All drink specials not available during special events.

VENTURE-N - Open 6am. Patio open 5pm. Daily specials  
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 tourney 7:30pm. \$3 entry, pot matched. \$1.50 longnecks for pool players. \$2 Pitchers all nite. Country music with DJ S. 8:30 to closing.

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. Daily specials til 7pm.

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 DJ 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. Daily specials til 7pm.

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 Kamakazees 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. Daily special til 7pm. Pool Tournament 7pm. 3 entry. (Special prices for players).

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 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. Patio open 5pm. Daily special til 7pm. Happy Hour Buffet 5-7pm.

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 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. Daily special til 7pm. Patio Beer Bust 3-7pm.

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.

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**OUTLOUD!** Tucson's premiere Local Lesbian and Gay Radio Show, broadcast every Wednesday at 6:03 pm on 91.3 FM, Community Radio KXCL. The show "This Way Out", a nationally syndicated Lesbian and Gay radio show is aired at 5:30 pm every Wednesday.

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

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

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

**ARIZONA AIDS POLICY ALLIANCE (AZAPA)** seeks to educate legislators and citizens about sound AIDS policy. For more information write AZAPA, 8523 N. 14<sup>th</sup> St., #112, Phoenix, AZ 85014 or call 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)534-8218 (Phoenix)

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

**TUCSON CATHOLIC GAY & LESBIAN FAMILY MINISTRY**. Currently meeting the 4<sup>th</sup> 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 293-8824.

**GAA (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 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday, 6:30 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 624-0348 (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.

**TGNArizona**: The central source for news and information for, by and about the TG, TG, and Gender-variant communities of Arizona. Website URL: http://www.tgnarizona.org - e-mail address: eigoodrum@quewest.net or

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

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

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

**PFLAG - Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays** - is a support group available to anyone who has a son, daughter or friend who is Gay. Call 575-8680 or write P.O. Box 38264, Tucson, AZ 85740-8264. All replies confidential.

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

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

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

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

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

**TUCSON GREATER SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION**. Interested? Call Kelly Quinn, (520)742-7895 or go to our web site http://www.tgssoftball.org

**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 299-8847.

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

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

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

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

**COMMUNITY BUSINESS ASSOCIATION (CBA)**, Tucson's Gay and Lesbian business networking group holds regular meetings the third Thursday of every month. Call 615-6438 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.

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**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 886-5541

**LESBIAN AND GAY AL-ANON** - Affected by someone's drinking? Meeting every Tuesday 8:45 to 9:45 p.m. at Lambda Center, 2940 E. Thomas, Phoenix. EMail 551-8850 or Romn 968-2384.

**CHRISTIAN SCIENCE GROUP** - Outreach to Gay and Lesbian people in Arizona. Meets monthly. Write to P.O. Box 983, 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 624-8768.

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**TUCSON GREATER SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION** http://www.tgssoftball.org

**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 325-9466 or Ray at 749-5247.

**LIGHTING 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. Phillip 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 Armory Park Senior Center, 220 S. 6th Ave. Call 791-9662.

Join the **LESBIAN & GAY PUBLIC AWARENESS PROJECT**. In Tucson write Awareness Project, 3681 N. Campbell Ave. #365, Tucson, AZ 85718.

**AA Meeting with HIV/AIDS focus**, Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m., MCC Church, 3269 N. Mountain. All alcoholic 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 690-9585 for information and a newsletter. Check the Non-Bar Calendar in the Observer.

**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 299-9063 and ask for a contact person.

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

**GREATER PHOENIX GAY & LESBIAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE (GPGCC)** P.O. BOX 2097, Phoenix, AZ 85001-2097. E-mail: webmaster@gpgcc.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. 322-5655. Leave message.

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

**ATTENTION ALL NUDISTS** - Tucson Tanners is a nudist group open to all - Nude activities scheduled both indoor and outdoors. Not "Gay Only", but Gays are welcome and invited to join. For further information send SASE to: Tucson Tanners, P.O. Box 64-G, Cortaro, AZ 85632.

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