

# OUToberFEST 2001 Saturday, Oct. 13

TUCSON - OUToberFEST, Tucson's annual pride event will take place Saturday, October 13, DeMeester Band Shell, Reid Park, Tucson, 10:00 am till 8:00 p.m.

The theme for this year's event, according to the Tucson Lesbian Gay Alliance (TLGA) is "Out in the Desert."

OUToberFEST is ten hour extravaganza celebrating everything about the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgendered Community.

OUToberFEST, organizers said, is the event where 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 L.A, 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 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.

"It takes over 100 people to staff the various jobs at OUToberFEST. The Board of TLGA works all year to produce a quality event, but it is not possible for 10 people to do it all on the day of the event." Says Tamer S., Volunteer Coordinator for the last two years.

Tamer went on to say that, "We do need more. It could take an hour to get a beer or other services at OUToberFEST without adequate numbers of volunteers. TLGA offers a wonderful program called

"Volunteer for Dollars" in which TLGA donates \$10 per two hour shift to the local charity of the volunteers choice. Yes, we still call this volunteering. This is a great opportunity to help your favorite group raise some cash."

For information about the event, TLGA, or volunteering call the OUTline at (520) 622-3200, a message line, so leave a clear, detailed message and the appropriate person will return your call. Volunteers can e-mail the volunteer coordinator at [tlgavolunteer@aol.com](mailto:tlgavolunteer@aol.com).

## Battle Aboard Flight 93 Confirmed By FBI

WASHINGTON, DC - An FBI official testified confirmed that passengers aboard United Flight 93 that crashed in Pennsylvania on September 11 probably saved the lives of people on the ground by rushing the terrorists who had hijacked the jetliner.

The statement by J.T. Caruso is one of the most explicit comments yet by a government official suggesting that the passengers turned the tables on their hijackers, the Associated Press reports.

The airliner crashed in a field in southwestern Pennsylvania rather than in a heavily populated area, Caruso said. He told the House Intelligence Committee's subcommittee on terrorism and homeland security he has no doubts their actions saved lives.

"I can confirm that the passengers engaged in a fight for their lives with their four hijackers and most likely saved the lives of unknown individuals on the

## EMS Recommends Paramedic's License Be Revoked

TUCSON (ON) - The head of the state's Emergency Medical Services (EMS) division has recommended that a Tucson Fire Fighter, convicted of assaulting of a Gay man, have his paramedic's license revoked.

Dr. Garth Gamer, EMS Director, this past week, filed a formal complaint against Franchot Opela, a Tucson Fire Fighter in Phocnix.

Opela was convicted, July 11, 2001, for beating Fabian Padilla in Febru-

ary 2000 outside a Tucson bar. Deputy county attorney Jeff Jacobson said the beating was a result of Opela's "perception of the victim's sexual orientation."

Padilla testified Opela called him a faggot as he walked outside to smoke a cigarette. The two started arguing and then traded punches. Padilla wound up flat on the ground while Opela beat on him with both fists, witnesses said. Opela and several friends then left the bar, leaving Padilla lying there bleeding.

Justice of the peace Susan Bacal found Opela guilty of misdemeanor assault and sentenced him to 12 months of unsupervised probation. She also ordered him to perform 40 hours of community service and to undergo eight hours of anger counseling, plus attend sensitivity training before the year's end.

"I don't think it was fair," Padilla said. Jacobson said he thought the sentence should have been more severe.

"Firefighters have a special relationship of trust in the community to protect people with passion but without prejudice," Jacobson said. "That's what they do, and they're supposed to do it indiscriminately."

Sources stated that Dr. Gamer had received a complaint about Opela on August 30 and launched a formal investigation, reaching the conclusion that Opela should have his paramedic's license revoked. Under Arizona law, any individual working for a fire department must have a paramedic's license, so if Opela's license is revoked, he would lose his job.

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# NATIONAL COMING OUT DAY ...



# UPDATE

## Desert Voices To Hold 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 Out-voice 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 Out-musician 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.

## Diane Schuur Concert Oct. 20

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.

Tickets at \$25, \$35 and \$47.50 are available at the TCC box office or from Ticketmaster, (520) 321-1000.

Those holding tickets for the originally scheduled performance must return them to where they were purchased for refund or exchange. Special supporter "Encore" tickets at \$100 each offer premiere seating and a special reception with Diane Schuur after the performance, including libations and hors d'oeuvres, plus entertainment by Tucson's top jazz musicians. For additional information, call (520) 577-5525.

## Poz Cafe Oct. 18

TUCSON - People living with HIV are invited to Poz Cafe, a complimentary lunch along with social and recreational activities on Thursday, October 18.

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

Volunteers from Our Saviour's Lutheran Church are hosting a lunch that will feature Cheese and Potato Casserole, Dilled Green Beans with Tomatoes, Homemade Applesauce, Green Salad and Rolls. The dessert will be Gingered Peach Crisp and Vanilla Ice Cream. A selection of beverages, including iced tea and coffee will be available, and a hospitality table with punch and snacks.

Like all TIHAN programs, it's Gay-friendly, free of charge, and no proselytizing or evangelizing is permitted. Each

HIV+ person may have one adult guest accompany them if they so choose. (Each guest-partner, spouse, friend, volunteer-will be reminded of confidentiality concerns.)

This luncheon is fully sponsored, courtesy of generous support from the Arizona Gay Rodeo Association, St. Francis in the Foothills United Methodist Church, and other caring individuals and congregations of TIHAN.

Reservations are requested and transportation can be provided with advance notice simply through one phone call to the TIHAN office. For more information about POZ Cafe, or to make your reservations or request transportation, call the TIHAN office at (520) 299-6647 by October 15. Transportation deadline is Wednesday, noon, October 17.

Just as TIHAN's Poz Cafe lunch and social program is much more than just "a meal," the month of October ushers in two other opportunities for you to feed not just your body, but also your mind and spirit, while at the same time helping others in need. During the entire month of October, the award-winning restaurant Pastiche Modern Eatery will donate 5% of your lunch or dinner bill to TIHAN if you so request! Located at 3025 North Campbell Avenue (just south of Ft. Lowell), Pastiche is well-known for its great food, casual elegance, and charming atmosphere (open until midnight for late-night fine dining!).

## 'Mr. Right vs. Mr. Wrong' October 25

TUCSON - On Thursday, October 25, Wingspan and the Gay Men's Health Project invites the community to join in on a honest and open discussion that looks at the peaks and pitfalls of male relationships.

This forum, sponsored by Wingspan and the Gay Men's Health Project, will run from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Wingspan, 300 East Sixth Street. A reception will follow.

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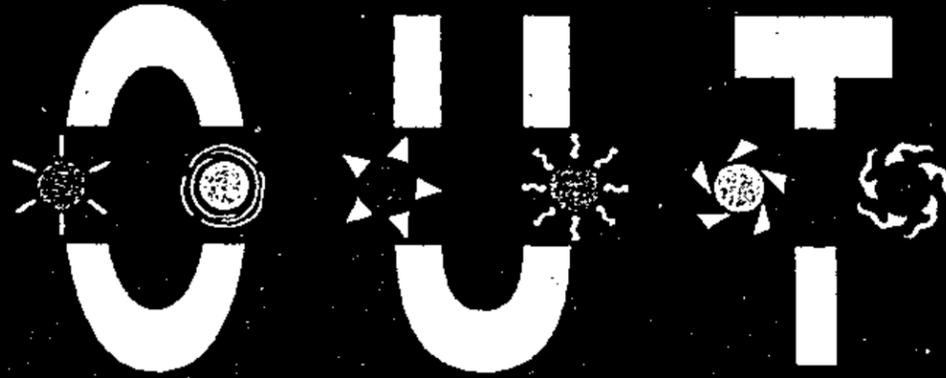
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- 1:00 • Slack Jaw
- 1:20 • Lynne Francis Anderson
- 2:00 • Fred Ronstadt, Reading of the Proclamation
- 2:00 • Reveille Gay Men's Chorus
- 2:30 • Pepper Mashay
- 3:00 • Salud EsPoder Presents Fuerza Latina
- 4:00 • Faith Michaels & Aja Simone
- 4:30 • Dance Inc.
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Short: Animation -  
**Blk and Steve: The Happiest Gay Couple in the World**  
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**Features: - The Ritz**, The 25th Anniversary- It's the  
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raucous prima-donalds.



OUTWest 2001  
Women's Film Change



Kelly McGillis steams up the screen in "The Monkey's Mask", the substituted Women's Feature, OUTWest 2001 - October 19th - 7:00 p.m. at the Crossroads Festival Theatre. See related story.

TUCSON - The original Women's feature film that was scheduled for 7:00 p.m. on October 19, at the Crossroads Festival Theatre has been changed.

Due to contractual conflicts "Julie Johnson" will not be screened. This film is being substituted with the beautiful Australian feature, "The Monkey's Mask", starring Kelly McGillis (The Right Stuff, The Accused) and Susie Porter. Brace yourselves ladies, for one of the most gripping Lesbian-themed films to hit the screen in years, "The Monkey's Mask."

A kind of "Basic Instinct" meets "Bound." Women may line up for the sizzling love scenes (and there are several) between Kelly McGillis and Susie Porter, but they'll get a lot more: a taut neo-noir about a P.I. named Jill (Porter) investigating the murder of a young female poet. McGillis' English professor - who is also a Bisexual femme fatale - may be the key to unraveling the mystery, which takes Jill, a sexy ex-cop (with the body of an athlete), into the basement bars and trendy cafes of the high falutin' poetry scene, with its father-and-mother figures, egos, intellectuals, boozers, dilettantes, and perverts. McGillis' character is unsavory, alluring, complex and kinky; her role in this film is sure to reignite the rumors that sparked years ago

during her shooting of "The Accused" with Jodie Foster. Australian director Samantha Lang, whose first feature was the beautiful "The Well," takes us into a world of pretension, where no one is what he or she seems. The film is based on the cult novel by Dorothy Porter, and Lang does an impressive job of conveying the ordinary and netherworlds of contemporary Sydney. But it is Porter's richly observed character, who is an homage to and a neat twist on, gumshoes from the Raymond Chandler and James Cain school, who is the surprise and revelation. "The Monkey's Mask" is a milestone in the Lesbian film: a textured story in which the main character just happens to be Lesbian, but whose sexuality is central to the story.

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 18 "Hellava Gayla". Both will be available at Wingspan, 300 N. 6th Street, 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.

Entertainment Briefs . . . . .

She may not have gotten to host the Emmy Awards on Sunday night, October 7, but Ellen DeGeneres can rely on CBS to keep her new sitcom afloat. CBS Entertainment chief Les Moonves is committed to The Ellen Show and plans to stick with it, even though initial ratings have been moderate. Moonves has apparently told friends that he likes the show, likes DeGeneres, and wants to see The Ellen Show work. ...

The comedy concert film I'm the One That I Want, featuring actress-comedian Margaret Cho—who claims she transcends labels of Gay or straight and is "just slutty" debuted Friday, October 5, on the Sundance Channel at 9 p.m. Eastern/Pacific. In the film, Cho chronicles her experiences as the first Asian-American sitcom star (on ABC's All-American Girl), her experiences in Hollywood, her relationship with her mother, and her struggles with her own personal demons. For more information visit [www.sundancechannel.com](http://www.sundancechannel.com). ...

Madonna has loaned a Frida Kahlo painting to London's Tate Modern gallery and says that handing over a piece of her private art collection was "like let-

ting go of one of my precious children." The painting, Self-Portrait With Monkey, will become part of the exhibition "Surrealism: Desire Unbound." While the Bisexual Kahlo denied being a surrealist, it is widely believed that she had a major influence on the artistic movement. "I know she will be in good hands," Madonna added. "And the exhibit would not be complete without her." ...

After many delays and negotiations, playwright Terence McNally's Master Class may finally be headed for the screen. Faye Dunaway, who starred in the play's touring production as legendary diva Maria Callas, is in development with the project with "PBS Hollywood Presents," one of several options being explored by producer Lester Persky. ...

Out Spanish filmmaker Pedro Almodóvar will join Hong Kong director Wong Kar-Wai (In the Mood for Love) and the legendary Michelangelo Antonioni (Blow Up, L'Avventura) in directing a three-part anthology feature titled Eros, reports La Repubblica. Antonioni's wife told the Italian paper, "It will be a small film with high erotic tension, to be made with little money, unknown actors, and no complications."

## POLITICS 2001

by Mark R. Kerr

### 'If You Are Reading This, I Still Know What's Going On'

The Employment Non Discrimination Act (ENDA), S.1284/H.R. 2692, dealing with prohibiting discrimination in employment based on sexual orientation and another, the Local Law Enforcement Act, S.625/H.R.1343, which would allow the federal government to prosecute bias crimes based on sexual orientation have been put on hold in Congress due to the September 11 terrorist attacks on Washington D.C., New York City and Western Pennsylvania.

Hearings on ENDA scheduled before the Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions (HELP) this past week were cancelled. Nearly all legislation pending pertaining to matters other than anti-terrorism and appropriations bills have been shelved for the time being.

ENDA's chief sponsor and the chair of the Senate HELP Committee, Senator Edward Kennedy, D-MA, hopes to return to these issues as soon as possible. The lead Senate sponsor of the Local Law Enforcement Act, Senator Gordon Smith, R-OR, understands that matters related to national security must take precedence now. ...

AIDS advocacy groups have been watching closely as the White House and Congressional leaders hammer out the final numbers for the FY 2002 budget for the Department of Health and Human Services. They were concerned that emergency funds for anti terrorism programs wouldn't come out the budget for AIDS research and treatment programs.

A staff person for Senate Appropriations Committee Chair, Robert Byrd, D-WVA, said an agreement had been reached that anti-terrorism programs would be paid for by tapping the budget surplus,

rather than cutting funding for current programs. ...

At the Human Rights Campaign annual dinner, held this past week in Washington, D.C., Senator Hillary Clinton, D-NY, said that Gay and Lesbian victims of the terrorist attacks should get the same assistance and benefits that families of other victims receive. Clinton said the attacks were the extreme examples of a hate crime. Several partners of Gay victims were in attendance at the annual fund raising event for the organization.

"We have to make clear that what we're fighting for is our values," Clinton said during her speech, "and those values include ending discrimination against Gays and Lesbians once and for all." She also declared her support for domestic partnerships that provide health insurance, inheritance rights, property tax deferrals and other assistance for partners. ...

Plans for a national commemoration for National Coming Out Day (NCOB) have been cancelled, according to organizers, the Human Rights Campaign. Celebrations were to have taken place on Thursday, October 11, which would be the one-month anniversary of the terrorist tragedies.

Candice Gingrich, manager of the NCOB Project, said in a statement that "We encourage you to mark these coincid-

ing anniversaries in the manner that feels most comfortable to you and your community."

In the statement, Gingrich goes on to say, "National Coming Out Day provides an opportunity to show America that Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender (GLBT) people are a part of the fabric of this country, and in the days follow the attacks, America was reminded of that fact. In the last month, people across the country have stood together and shown the world that Americans of all backgrounds can stand united in support of the women and men who died." Gingrich wants people who mark the day to "take time to honor and assist those GLBT Americans who have been affected by the terrorist attacks to observe a moment of silence, fly Old Glory, and collect donations for relief efforts.

As previously reported, the U.S. House had approved a measure allowing the extension of domestic partner benefits by businesses and government in the District of Columbia to their employees. This proposal came from Congressman Jim Moran, D-VA, and the openly Gay Jim Kolbe, R-AZ, for which national GLBT rights groups praised Kolbe for his action.

Does anyone find it interesting that Kolbe would "lead the fight" for the rights of those living in Washington D.C., while approving Bush's "Faith Based Initia-

tive" which would have gutted the City of Tucson's 24-year-old Human Relations Ordinance, protecting GLBT rights in employment, housing and public accommodations which covers a good portion of his district?

Kolbe stated after the vote that he hoped the measure would get fixed, this after voting an amendment which would have done that. Then there is the lack of reaction by the same national GLBT groups about Kolbe's vote on Bush's "Faith Based Initiative," when asked for comment by this reporter. Sort of shows where these groups and Kolbe stands with GLBT citizens in the Fifth Congressional District, doesn't it? ...

With the state's economy going "into the crapper," and the terrorist attacks adding to the money crunch, resulting in a \$1.6-billion dollar deficit for the state government, the leadership in the Arizona Legislature is spending \$400,000 for new furniture in the Arizona House (after two recent remodels, with the last in the late 1990's, costing \$1-million), \$270,000 in desks and computers in the Arizona Senate, repaving a parking lot for \$40,000 for Arizona House members, and the purchase of 137 computers by the House leadership over the Internet, costing the state \$2,000 in sales tax.

The Arizona House leadership and the Tucson morning daily newspaper, in an editorial dated October 9, said we shouldn't fret about it. But wouldn't the average citizen fret about a massive personal debt, spending prudently and thinking of and utilizing ways to get out of the financial trouble, instead of wasting money on frivolous items? The Legislature should follow the wonderful leadership of Arizona Attorney General Janet Napolitano, who canceled purchases for her office.

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### IBT's October 14th POST-PICNIC SUNDAY PARTY LINE-UP

11am - 6 pm - Jeff's Recovery Bar- \$1.50 Bloody's, Screw's, & Mimosa's

4:30 pm - 7:30 pm - Karaoke on the patio with Billy Dee

5:30 - 8 pm - Benefit Bar-B-Que/Beerburst for the Gay Men's Health Project

8:30 pm - Special Fundraising Show for the GMHP starring: Bunny FuFu, Faith Michaels, Janee Starr, Miss Saigon, Lady Ashley, and special guests

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and

### After the picnic at IBT's

5 til 7 pm community Bar-B-Que and

HOT DANCE 8 pm til close





"Lypsinka: one of the many Diva's in "DragTime", part of the FREE Community Films to be shown after the OUToberFest Picnic. The films will be shown behind the Rainbow Planet Coffeeshouse October 13<sup>th</sup> beginning at 6:30 p.m. Bring your chair!

## FREE COMMUNITY FILMS "Cinema Under The Stars"

TUCSON - On October 13, the evening of the planned OUToberFEST 2001 Pride Picnic, the OUTWest 2001 Film Fest committee will once again present "Cinema Under The Stars."

This will be free to the community. It will be once again be a "bring your own chair" celebration where one can enjoy a selection of "Family" entertainment. The films will be shown in the back parking lot of the Rainbow Planet Coffeeshouse, 606 N. 4th Avenue, starting around 6:30 p.m.

The evening will start with last years Festival Favorite short animation, "Rick and Steve: The Happiest Gay Couple in the World - Part #1. New episodes, Parts 2-3-4 will be shown at the Opening Night Gala, October 18.

From the Archives, the classic comedy feature "The Ritz" which is celebrating it's 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. "The Ritz" was one of the earliest scripts written by renown Gay screenplay writer Terrance McNally. It was directed by Richard Lester (Hard Day's Night, Superman I & 2) and the cast consists of stars who where making their early film appearances such as: Jack

Weston, Jerry Stiller, Kaye Ballard, Rita Moreno (as the darling "Googie Gomez") F. Murray Abraham (prior to Amadeus fame) and a very young and handsome Treat Williams, his first feature film. The story takes place in the mid 70's in a New York City Bathhouse, The Ritz, where rates are cheap, the decor is Rococo Art, and the clientele convivial. The story pits the clients of the "baths" with a "Mafia" like family, resulting in hilarity. Those who have never seen this film will thoroughly enjoy the antics of a "time gone by." Those who know the film will enjoy it even more so with an audience of "family".

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I suspect that for a while there, maybe while you were first becoming good friends and you were getting over your crush on her, you weren't actively pursuing other love interests. As a result, she got to have you "all to herself," in a way, even though she wasn't really interested in fully having you as a lover. Now that your eye is quite naturally beginning to wander, she may be feeling a bit left out, as clearly you're no longer pining for her, right?

Now, don't get me wrong - I'm not saying this gal is a terrible person at all. In fact, depending on how self-aware she is, she may not even realize herself what's going on! A good strategy might be to sit her down and have a little heart-to-heart with her. Start by letting her know how important she has become to you as a friend, and how that's not going to change. Then gently tell her that you've been noticing that it seems to bother her when you express an interest in pursuing dates with other women, and you're a little confused as to what that's all about. She may be defensive initially, but if you make it clear

that you're not trying to blame or attack her, but rather just want to understand better what's going on between you, I suspect you may be able to resolve this rather quickly. Either she is interested in you, and doesn't really consciously know it herself, or she isn't interested, but part of her would like to have you around and interested in her for more selfish ego reasons (and goodness knows we all have those!). I suspect the two of you will have a long, insightful discussion about what's really going on, and will end up becoming closer friends for it!

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This week I have decided to take a break from the usual Q & A format of the Ask Dr. X column and speak to all of my brothers and sisters in the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender community.

Peace. This word has come to mean so much to me these past few weeks. We as Americans have peace, freedom and justice on so many levels. Most importantly we have the right to fight for these things in a peaceful and productive way. We can march, pray, sing, carry signs, have candle-light vigils and publish newsletters. Our freedom allows us to do all of these things with only the static we generate in the process.

The tragedies that occurred in our country on September 11th allowed many people who may feel isolated or lonely in today's society, to experience a sense of belonging and togetherness that I am privileged to feel all of the time being a member of the GLBT community. Despite our varying viewpoints we are a family, a huge beautiful diverse family full of color, light and brilliance. I am proud to be a part of this truly wonderful diverse community and look forward to celebrating our freedom with all my GLBT friends, families and supporters at our community picnic this Saturday. I hope the weather is fine and everyone brings a light and loving heart. We as GLBT people have always had a

special mission as healers, teachers, leaders and artists. Let us be at our best and together we will shine brightly. Let us admire and honor our special diversity as GLBT people in a free and open society. Let us heal ourselves so we will be able to take our brilliance out to a broader community in a time of confusion.

Please take the time to explore the many organizations that exhibit at the picnic and learn something new about our community in the process. And as always have a safe, honest, respectful and proud time. I think the nurturing will do all of us a world of good. I look forward to feeling a higher vibration of togetherness this year due to our raised awareness about what peace really means. We all deserve a celebration.

So get out there, see some old friends, meet some new ones and feel the wonder of what it means to live in America. Oh, and by the way, I can't let you get away without offering some health advice, so remember to slather on the sunscreen. The calendar may say it's Fall but here in Tucson it still feels and looks like summer.

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

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# German Scholar Believes Hitler Was Homosexual

BERLIN, Germany - A German historian said that Adolf Hitler had numerous homoerotic friendships in the 1920s and says the German dictator's later life can only be understood by taking into account his repressed sexuality.

The enormously controversial findings are detailed in a book to be launched at the Frankfurt book fair. The author, Lothar Machtan, works as a Modern History Professor at Bremen University. Reuters reports he hopes to shed new light on the long rumored speculation that the Nazi leader was a closeted homosexual.

"Adolf Hitler was fond of men. He had a homosexual nature," Machtan told the German newspaper Die Welt on Saturday. "This seems at first quite trivial. But it is a detail that helps us to see his biography from another angle," he said.

Eyewitness accounts from Hitler's former lovers, and historical documents that for the first time illuminate rumors that have circulated for over half a century, are disclosed in Hitler's Secret: The Double Life of a Dictator.

"The job of the historian is to examine the facts and put them together in a plausible way," Machtan says. "From them comes indicative evidence that Hitler was fixated on his own sex his whole life..." he said.

"One must be very careful with the expression 'homosexual activities' because we do not know how Hitler lived them out. We can say that until the late 1920s Hitler had a range of homoerotic friendships.

Many of them were characterized by contemporaries as homosexual," he said.

Machtan refers to scores of historical documents to back up his theory. In the World War I, the young Hitler was a dispatch rider at the front in France. One of his fellow soldiers, Hans Mend, later wrote in his memoirs: "At night, Hitler lay with Schmidl, his male whore." Schmidl, otherwise known as Ernst Schmidt, and Hitler were "inseparable lovers" for five years, according to the historian.

Hitler's service notes read that as a result of the love affair there was a reluctance among senior officers to promote him. According to Erich Ebermeier, a lawyer and writer who viewed Hitler's military files years later: "Despite his bravado towards the enemy, because of his homosexual activity he lost out on a promotion to non-commissioned officer."

Machtan said that from 1930 Hitler felt that his past could be used against him and this was behind his decision in 1934 to have killed many former Gay friends from his time in Munich. Ernst Röhm, the leader of Hitler's Sturm Abteilung or Storm Troopers, was among them.

Machtan says Röhm attempted to blackmail Hitler by threatening to reveal his sexuality.

Tens of thousands of German Gays later perished in concentration camps at the hands of the Nazis. "Hitler himself never condemned homosexuality, but he allowed the persecution of Gays in order to disguise his own true colors," Machtan says.

# Sheldon Says Relief Should Not Go To Gays

WASHINGTON, DC (NP) - As nonprofit and government groups mobilize for distributing relief funds in the wake of the September 11 terrorist attacks, an influential conservative minister is calling on agencies to deny giving assistance to surviving same-sex partners of victims.

The Rev. Lou Sheldon, chairman and founder of the Traditional Values Coalition, said that agencies should distribute relief funds based on the traditional concept of family and not to the Gay and Lesbian partners of terrorist victims.

Relief organizations, he said, "should be first giving priority to those widows who were at home with their babies and those widowers who lost their wives." The assistance, he added, should be "given on the basis and priority of one man and one woman in a marital relationship."

According to the Washington Post, Sheldon said his comments were a response to reports that groups like the Empire State Pride Agenda were reminding Gay men and Lesbians who had lost partners in the terrorist attacks that they were eligible for aid.

He added that Gay rights organizations "are taking advantage of this national tragedy to promote their agenda."

The National Gay and Lesbian Task Force condemned Sheldon's remarks in a statement, calling them "hateful rhetoric." "Once again Sheldon is out of step with the rest of the country," said NGLTF executive director Lorri Jean. "He is...not skipping a beat in promoting the same narrow and hateful agenda that has been his trademark for years. I sincerely hope that the American people will rise up in protest against Sheldon's fanaticism, just as they did against Jerry Falwell's."

The Human Rights Campaign called the Rev. Lou Sheldon's heartless attack on the families of Gay victims who died in the September 11 terrorist strike an assault on basic human dignity.

Matt Foreman, executive director of Empire State Pride Agenda, told the Gay.com/PlanetOut.com Network: "The Traditional Values Coalition has demonstrated a lack of any values, let alone traditional ones. Any group that purports to be Christian and says relief shouldn't go to people who need it is perverting religion in the same way as Osama bin Laden."

Two days after the attacks, two other influential conservative Christian leaders, Rev. Jerry Falwell and Pat Robertson, suggested that God allowed the attacks because Gays and Lesbians -- as well as other liberals -- had too much influence.



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## Mr. & Miss Gay Teen Tucson Pageant 2002 Set For October 27

TUCSON - October 27 will be the 4th Annual Mr. and Miss Gay Teen Tucson Pageant, Saturday, October 27, 7:00 p.m., held at the Muse, 516 N. Fifth Avenue, the first pageant of its kind in Tucson to combine Drag Kings and Queens in performance and competition.

For those of you who are wondering exactly what Drag Kings are, they are women who impersonate male characters, just as a Drag Queen is a man impersonating a female character. Our city has its share of talented Kings and Queens; however, what makes this pageant special is that it is a youth production. The last two years were huge successes, and this year is looking fabulous! This year the pageant will be emceed by Miss Gay Arizona 2001, Phaedra, and Lucinda Holliday, Tucson's Queen of Comedy.

The pageant, a youth-produced event, gives youth an opportunity to take leadership roles in the community, while

promoting a message of safer sex and expressing their gender illusion talents!

The pageant is a fund raiser for QueerVoice, an HIV prevention program for Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender youth. QueerVoice is a collaborative program of the Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation, Pima County Health Department and Wingspan. The pageant is only one piece of the overall QueerVoice program. Other aspects include a drop-in center, leadership retreats, safer sex workshops, HIV testing, Boyz 'N Girlz Nite Out, which is a drug-free and alcohol-free party for queer youth in Tucson, as well as Café Chats, a forum for discussing important youth issues in a fun setting.

-Tickets are \$10 in advance, \$14 at the door. If you would like more information about the Mr. and Miss Gay Teen Tucson Pageant or QueerVoice, please call (520) 620-6245.

## City of Tucson Cuts Link To United Way

TUCSON - Tucson's city government will no longer use the United Way as a clearing house for the charitable gifts of city staff.

On Monday, October 1, by a unanimous vote, city council voted to set up a new "human services fund" which will be administered by an 11-member community panel. The new fund will combine money from the employee donation program with other social services money under the city's control.

The relationship between Tucson and the United Way has been a local controversy for some time due to the United Way's financial connections with the Boy Scouts. Since 1982, Tucson has funneled its city staff donations through the United Way. But the council has been questioning the association since the U.S. Supreme Court upheld the Scouts' right to discriminate against Gay troops and leaders. The United Way is a large contributor to the Boy Scouts of America, although several chapters have cut ties since the ruling.

Nonetheless, Tucson Community Services Director Karen Thoreson tells the Tucson Citizen that the new plan "is not about taking money away from the United Way." A United Way representative will sit on the administrative panel, along with nonprofit executives, city leaders and experts in human services. The United Way, said Thoreson, "has been working with us throughout this process."

In the fiscal year ended July 2001, the city of Tucson spent over \$30 million on human services, disbursed independently by city departments and six nonprofit funds. The new system will consolidate this spending beginning next July, partly in an effort to avoid duplication and to improve the effectiveness of each dollar spent. The Human Services Panel will issue twice-yearly recommendations on behalf of groups fighting domestic violence, helping the elderly and fighting teen pregnancy, among other services.

## Man Serves As College Homecoming Queen

MORRIS, MN - A 21-year-old man said his short reign as homecoming queen at the University of Minnesota, Morris, was both exciting and scary.

"I had to have that tiara," joked Patrick Woods, who reigned for two days last weekend, adding that it was "the best and worst experience of my life." He said he wasn't trying to make a political statement about gender roles, although he said he thought homecoming was a somewhat outdated event. "And since the student body elected me, lots of them must agree," he said.

Students chose Woods to preside over homecoming festivities with king Ryan Brux. Woods received thunderous applause at the three big homecoming events—the coronation, parade, and football game—but his experience also had a darker side. The men's wrestling team boycotted some homecoming activities, and this week Woods has found himself the target of threats that have made him "feel more afraid than I ever have in my life.... I can't believe how seriously people take this," he said. "I mean, homecoming is just a two-day event. It's not like I'm going to be out cutting ribbons at Wal-Marts or something."

Woods was nominated by E-Quality (the school's Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgender student organiza-

tion), the Women's Resource Center, and his rock-climbing club. "I'm a pretty social guy, but now I don't feel like I can go anywhere alone and be safe," he said. "I wish life could just go back to normal. But it's not."

## Paramedic's License

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Opela's hearing is scheduled to take place, Monday, November 26, 9:00 a.m., at the Office of Administrative Hearings in Phoenix. Eric Bryant is the administrative law judge assigned to hear the case.

More on this story as it develops.

## Flight 93

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who summoned the enormous courage and love necessary to deny those depraved, hateful men their terrible triumph," he said.

As many as 23 on-flight phone calls were made according to some sources, including one from Bingham to his mother. Two men on board phoned their wives and said they "planned to do something" about the hijackers. Another passenger told her mother she had to hang up because the passengers were about to break into the cockpit. And one flight attendant noted in a call that she was making hot water for the assault.

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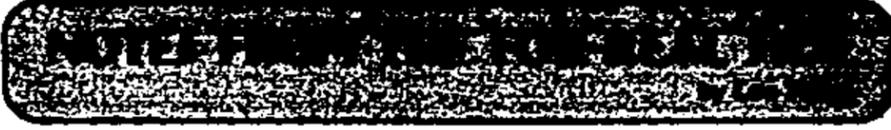
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# 'The Testing Boondoggle'

The AIMS test and all similar contrivances are educationally counterproductive. The politicians know that they're counterproductive. The educators know that they're counterproductive. So why is everybody on the testing bandwagon? The short answer is that these tests will produce the illusion of taxpayers getting something for nothing, illusory improvements in the quality of education with no increase in the tax bill to pay for them.

What the public needs to understand, and what teachers already know, is that there's an inherent conflict of interest between teaching a subject and teaching students how to pass a test in that subject. To take the most extreme possible example of that conflict in action, teachers in New York were caught teaching which letters correctly answered which numbered questions in the New York equivalent of our AIMS test. In other words, instead of teaching that six times six equals 36, they were teaching that the answer to question number 12 was letter C.

But even when teachers aren't being blatantly dishonest to make themselves and their schools look good, the same conflict persists in less extreme forms. Suppose the subject is physics. Suppose that the teacher knows that the physics portion of the test focuses on the coefficient of friction. Does she not then have a conflict between unduly emphasizing the coefficient of friction giving it more importance than it deserves in relation to other principles in the subject area -- and teaching the subject as she would if she didn't know what was on the test? Of course she has.

This conflict of interest is so well recognized in the teaching profession that it has a name -- "teaching to the test." Instead of teaching subject x, our teachers are teaching how to take a test in subject x. The technique is effective in producing higher test scores. It is counterproductive in that it distorts the subject matter while it takes students' and teachers' time and energy away from the task of mastering the subject.

Why is so much faith being put in these tests? Why does anyone believe that they accurately measure anything at all? It's not as if the accuracy of the tests couldn't itself be tested. If you weren't just interested in scoring political points and you really wanted to know if the tests mea-

sured anything, all you'd have to do is put a team of veteran teachers together and have them evaluate students of a tested school via interviews and whatever other tools the team thought appropriate.

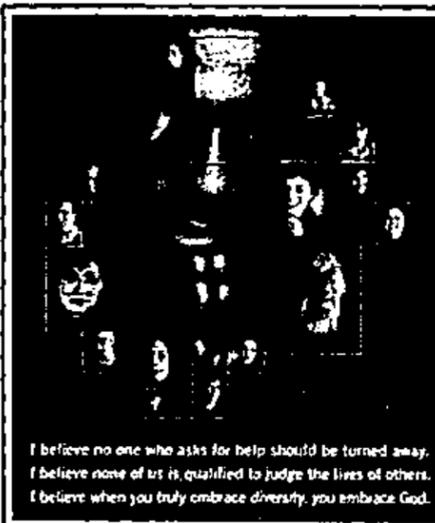
Veteran teachers could tell you with a high level of reliability if the sixth-graders were performing at what is generally considered the sixth-grade level. Of course you'd need to make sure that your team of evaluators had no stake in the outcome of their evaluations. Sending a team like this to some of the Texas schools with unbelievable improvements in test scores would show just that -- the improvements were indeed unbelievable. That's why nobody in government or in education is talking about testing the tests.

We come back to the crowded bandwagon. The politicians and educators know that the teachers will "teach to the test" and the scores will rise. When that happens the pols will get credit for improving education without increasing spending, the old free-lunch trick. And, if education seems to be improving, the pressure to ensure that teachers are competent diminishes.

The alternative is painful to both politician and educator. The pols would have to figure out how to raise enough money to pay teachers a decent wage. The teachers would have to pass tests demonstrating knowledge of their subjects to keep their jobs.

The saddest thing about this particular boondoggle is the amount of time it's going to take to run its course. With the politicians and the educators joining forces to promote the trend, every state will in all likelihood join the parade. For years tests will go up and backs will be patted. Finally, some alternative measure will demonstrate that actual education, as opposed to educational test scores, has been going down. Then the whole political rhetoric will have to be retooled and reversed and we'll have wasted a decade or two to come to the conclusion we really know now: If you want education, you're going to have to pay for it

[Thorn welcomes comments, suggests for future columns and tips, on local skulduggery that deserves to be exposed. Write to Box 85571, Tucson, AZ 85754.]



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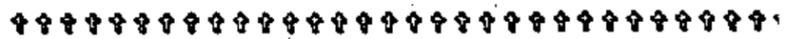


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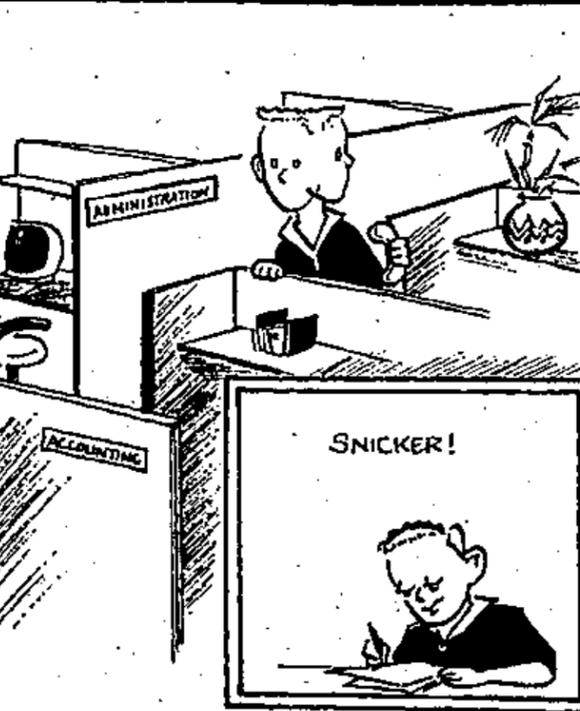
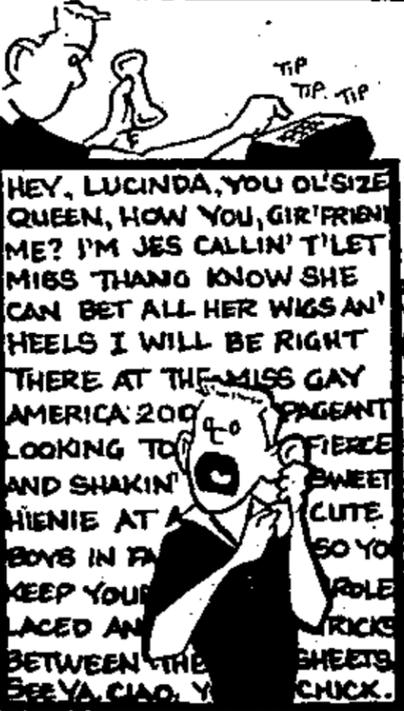
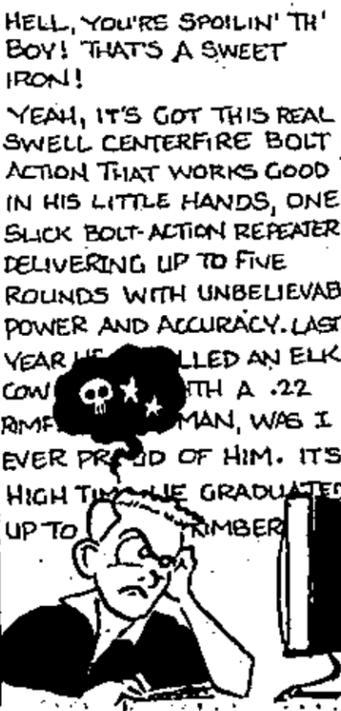
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In these trying times we look to the "malefic" planets to give us clues. This week, stern Saturn, planet of problems, retrogrades in Gemini until early 2002. Issues magnify, but don't panic compadre; it's just so that we can see them more clearly.

**ARIES**

**MARCH 21 - APRIL 20**

As mean Saturn retrogrades in Gemini, proud Rams are forced to confront how they communicate to others. Your murmurs yell and your opinions emanate like screeds. My advice is to consider the situation and think things out very carefully before you even breathe a word. Saturn raps you on the knuckles or washes out your mouth with soap for any ill conceived comments.

**TAURUS**

**APRIL 21 - MAY 21**

Saturn retrograde casts a wizened finger at your finances. Gay Bulls love to spend spend spend but now the bill comes due in a big way! Don't mortgage the future. These are leaner and meaner times cousin so defer instant gratification and learn to enjoy with less. Or maybe Saturn means to teach you that money cannot buy happiness. Gosh, you mean that it can't?

**GEMINI**

**MAY 22 - JUNE 21**

Severe Saturn retrogrades in your own sign and puts a crimp in any of your inspired ideas. First impressions are impressive duds right now and you may not be able to make any headway in any important issues, new projects or first beginnings. Pink Twins are sociable souls but save your best public face for familiar audiences. Charm the unwashed masses in early 2002.

**CANCER**

**JUNE 22 - JULY 23**

Hidden things can bite you on the butt as Saturn retrogrades through your astrological closet, queer Crab. Whether this means that the next months will be a time of catharsis or stumbling blocks is up to you. One thing that Saturn always demands, whether retrograde or not, is honesty and courage. You now have to step up to the plate. Hit it out of the park, compadre.

**LEO**

**JULY 24 - AUGUST 23**

Expect a bit of friction between friends as Saturn retrogrades through Gemini. Proud Lions begin to question the types of groups with whom they identify. This is not a bad thing as long as you don't jump to conclusions. Review all the facts. There is too much going on under the surface and emotions are running high. Take a breather, grab a good pal and let the energy pass.

**VIRGO**

**AUGUST 24 - SEPTEMBER 23**

Professional aspirations can come to a grinding halt when methodically constricting Saturn retrogrades in Gemini. You may feel underappreciated or overworked but don't quit or complain. Queer Virgins are patient and practical. Now more than ever, you are advised to plod on and take the long view in professional situations. Hmmm, is that a telescope in your pocket?

**LIBRA**

**SEPTEMBER 24 - OCTOBER 23**

Travel is ill advised when Saturn retrogrades in Gemini. Your expectations will run too high and the result may be disap-

pointing. Never mind, Gay Libra; there is plenty for you to do closer to home in the next few months. Your taste may run to the tried and true rather than risking an experiment with the exotic. This too shall pass, you spicy dish, you.

**SCORPIO**

**OCTOBER 24 - NOVEMBER 23**

Your proud libido may poop out while restricting Saturn retrogrades in Gemini. Rainbow Scorpions are usually intense, bubbling cauldrons of erupting sexual energy. Now you may find that your idea of a hot evening is a decision between earl grey or red zinger. Bring the water up to a boil, chalk it up to a passing planet and pass the honey, honey.

**SAGITTARIUS**

**NOVEMBER 23 - DECEMBER 22**

Hold tight while retrograde Saturn stampedes through Gemini and your relationship sector. Proud Archers are fairly independent and honest folk and even now you cannot resist the habit of calling it as you see it. Very well, compadre, go down that complaint checklist with partners and see how far it gets you. Maybe as far as the guest room. Maybe farther.

**CAPRICORN**

**DECEMBER 23 - JANUARY 20**

Every nit picky, annoying task at work is even more insufferable when retro Saturn steams in Gemini. Pink Caps want to get things done now! But Saturn discourages quick solutions and retro Saturn sends you back to the drawing board again and again to repeat old mistakes. Use the next months to break with old routines. Try to look at life from a different angle. Prone??

**AQUARIUS**

**JANUARY 21 - FEBRUARY 19**

Retrograde Saturn makes fun a lot less fun. For creative Aqueerians, expect some intense writers block. For carefree natives, expect your ying to yang. Parties seem dreary dull, life feels spent and tired. What to do? What to do? How about holding up with a certain special someone until this transit dissipates. That is, if you don't dissipate first, cousin.

**PISCES**

**FEBRUARY 20 - MARCH 20**

Home life may be an area of stress and complaint as retrograde Saturn crosses Gemini. Guppies are sensitive souls and you may find that you are even more thinned skinned than usual. Don't make any rash decisions in your living arrangements over the next few months. Saturn would like nothing more than to teach you a lesson about good behavior. Teach Saturn a thing or too.

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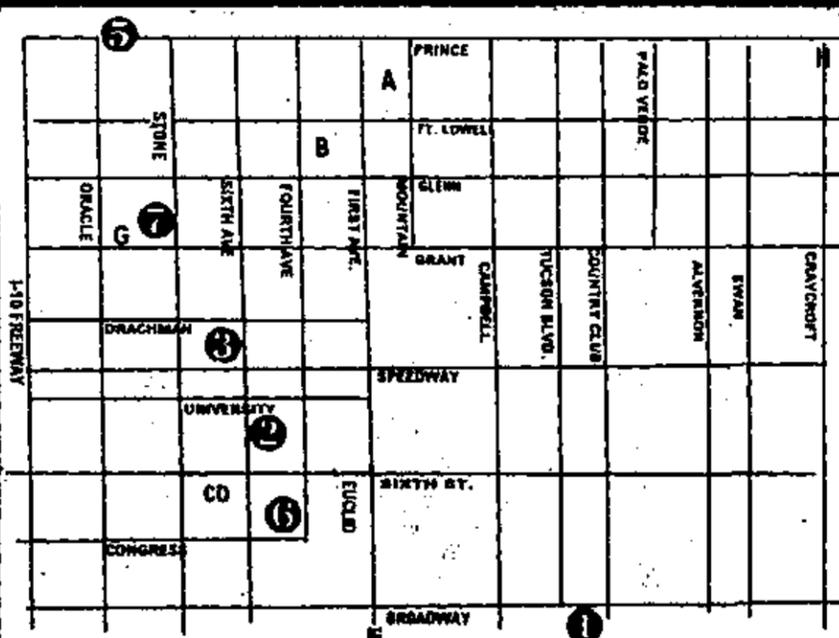
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COMMENTARY

The Full Story Includes Us by Joan M. Garry

Like many of you, I spent much of September 11 glued to one of several television sets - first in my office and then, after our evacuation, in my den with my family. It was a day of horrifying images. Any sense of security evaporated and was replaced by fear of what could happen next. Amid the chaos in New York, my identity as a Lesbian for a moment seemed unimportant. What mattered was my family and my country's safety.

The attacks and their aftermath left most of us with a profound sense of solidarity - a unity reflected in, and nurtured by, the media. Around-the-clock newscasts erased our differences and brought us together with universal, homogenized reports that seemed calculated to give us comfort and catharsis.

The picture looks different now. Many of us have settled back into familiar, if wary, routines. We've returned to work, to school, to dinner out with friends, to the movies, to television. And, in their coverage of our nation's mourning, media have returned to the routine of marginalizing Gay identity.

In the days immediately following the Sept. 11 attacks, other matters seemed trivial and inconsequential. We wanted to identify as Americans, feeling an unprecedented - at least in many of our lifetimes - sense of community. Against the backdrop of a terrible tragedy, many of us recognized glimmers of the kind of society we yearned for: one where we are connected and part of a common, united equality.

Then, as familiar patterns re-emerged, so did our identities as Gays and Lesbians. Jerry Falwell and Pat Robertson blamed us for the attacks. Following a failed attempt by some House Republicans to stall domestic partner benefits in Washington, D.C., the Family Research Council blasted President Bush for "advancing the radical homosexual agenda." And Rev. Lou Sheldon of the Traditional Values Coalition told "The Washington Post" that Gay survivors who lost partners in the attacks ought not be eligible for relief. Clearly, the anti-Gay industry wasted no time getting back to its business.

But in the wake of the tragedy, heroes have emerged from within our community. Mark Bingham participated in a revolt that crashed the hijacked United Flight 93 into a remote field outside Pittsburgh. Father Mychal Judge was killed while ministering to a fallen firefighter at ground zero. And Graham Berkeley, Daniel Brandhorst and Ronald Gamboa, David Charlebois, Carol Flyzik, Jack Keohane, Sheila Hein and many others who had lived brave, openly Gay lives were among those lost to the terrorist attacks.

Media coverage of these Gay and Lesbian heroes and victims of the Sept. 11 attacks has been and continues to be a primary focus for GLAAD, because our community has been uniquely impacted by these events. Our relationships are not afforded basic, equal protections under the law. As a result, some surviving partners will find themselves unable to qualify for state aid and Social Security benefits, and may find themselves unable to obtain bereavement leave, inheritance rights, or even access to the memorial of a partner.

And these exclusionary definitions of family have been used by some media to render our lives and identities invisible.

"The Courier-Journal" in Louisville initially reported that Ronald Gamboa, partner of Daniel Brandhorst and adoptive father of David Gamboa-Brandhorst, was single and childless. NBC's Oct. 2 "Dateline" report on the downing of United Flight 93 identified Bingham as a rugby player, yet made no mention that it was a Gay rugby team. Bingham's mother, who was interviewed for the piece, has stated publicly that Bingham's Gay identity was a crucial part of his life - a facet of Bingham's character and heroism that NBC had a responsibility to report. Likewise, the centrality of Father Mychal Judge's identity as a Gay man - especially in the context of his longtime ministries to the LGBT and AIDS communities - has been shamefully overlooked by all in the mainstream but "The Village Voice."

Some have argued that there were no Gay or Lesbian victims of the Sept. 11 attacks - there were only American victims. I say they can be both. By idealizing definitions of family and identity that exclude Gay and Lesbian Americans, our national culture sends the confounding message that what is Gay and what is good cannot co-exist. Take that message and couple it with our status as second-class citizens under the law. Add our military's senseless discrimination against and persecution of Gay soldiers. This troublesome mix highlights the unique impact of our national crisis on Gays and Lesbians - and the need to have our heroes known.

Fair, accurate and inclusive media images shatter stereotypes. When Americans learn that the people they respect, admire and hold up as heroes are Gay, it goes a long way toward dispelling anti-Gay zealots' attempts to demonize our lives. A nation that prizes its diversity and its unity cannot simultaneously abide discrimination. The media cannot choose heroes to polish and promote when real bravery knows no limitations. Media have an obligation to truth. And we are a part of that.

[Joan Garry is the Executive Director of GLAAD]

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was based on analysis of more than 20 related studies published over the last two decades. Lesbian and Gay couples were also found to do a better job at managing their anger compared with heterosexual couples. ...

Researchers in Hannover, Germany, reported that they may have found a way to prevent liver damage in virtually every case of hepatitis C as long as treatment is started during the earliest stages of hepatitis infection. Elmar Jaeckel and colleagues at the Hannover Medical University found that they were able to prevent the development of chronic hepatitis C in 44 volunteers who received injections of interferon alfa-2b while they were suffering from initial symptoms of hepatitis infection. In all but one case, the injections also reduced the amount of hepatitis C virus in the blood to undetectable levels. The researchers say their findings should encourage doctors to be more aggressive in testing their patients for hepatitis C infection, since early treatment with interferon may prevent the life-threatening liver damage associated with the disease's later stages. Nearly 4 million Americans are infected with the hepatitis C virus. Hepatitis C coinfection is common among people with HIV, and liver disease is emerging as a top killer of HIV-positive people. The hepatitis C virus can be passed through contact with contaminated blood and through sex with an infected partner. The researchers' full study will be included in the November 15 issue of the New England Journal of Medicine.

A national survey found that Lesbian and Gay parents are more likely than heterosexual parents to choose discussion instead of physical methods when disciplining children. In fact, only 15 percent of the Gay and Lesbian parents surveyed reported using physical methods, compared with 60 percent or more of heterosexual parents. According to Nanette Silverman, Oakdale, New York, who conducted the research at Dowling College, the results of the survey suggest that, "Lesbian and Gay parents are more responsive, child-oriented and egalitarian," Reuters Health reported. "We feel through using reasoning and induction, Gay and Lesbian parents have a better outcome with their children," she added. Along with Elizabeth O'Connor, Silverman surveyed 415 Lesbian or Gay male parents from across the country. Lesbian and Gay parents tended to be highly educated - half of those surveyed had graduate degrees.

LGBT parents are no doubt concerned about the way people will respond to their families, and whether their children will face discrimination and negative reactions from others. The results of the survey were somewhat hopeful in regards to such fears. Gay fathers anticipated worse experiences than the reality whereas Lesbian mothers reported negative feedback. While many LGBT parents and couples continue to face discriminatory courts and other legal roadblocks when having families, this is not the only positive evidence that supports Lesbian and Gay parents. A study published in the April 2001 edition of the American Sociological Review also found some positive difference between Lesbian versus heterosexual parents. Researchers from the University of Southern California (USC) found that children raised by Lesbian parents are more likely to break from stereotypical gender roles than children raised by opposite-sex couples. The study

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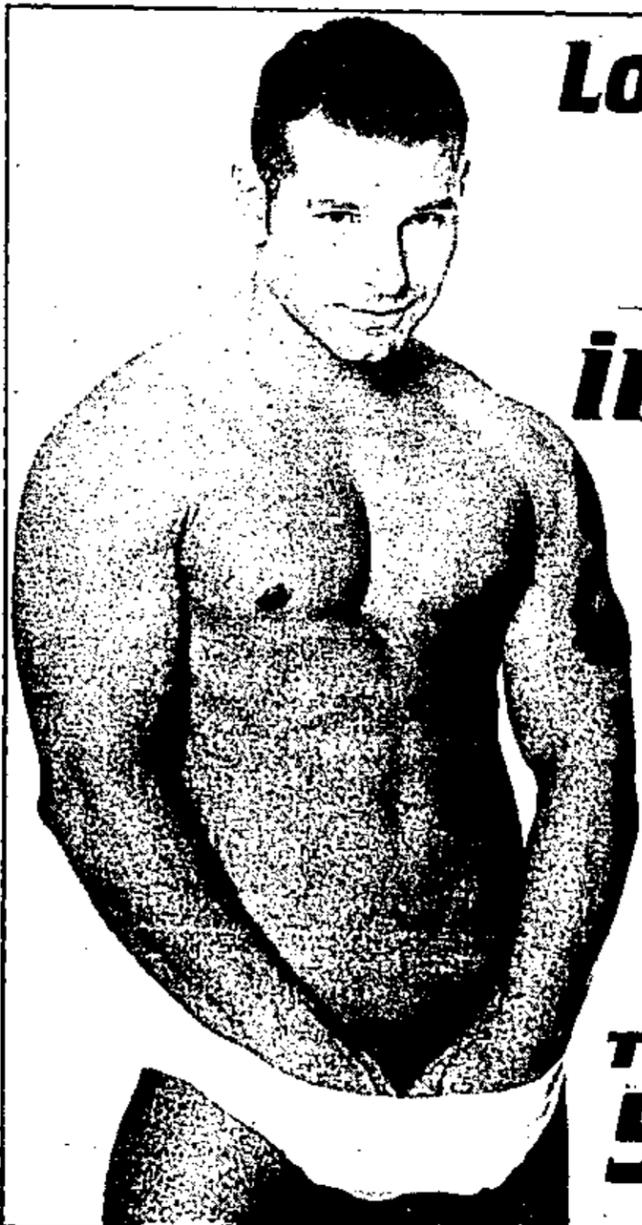
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Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 11:30 a.m. Join the guys for a Lunch Out at the Desert Diamond Casino. We'll eat at their facilities, then those who want to gamble can have at it. For reservations, please call Les at 690-8565.

## 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 at DeMeester Center in Reid Park, 10:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. See the Tucson Lesbian/Gay Alliance advertisement in this issue of Observer for complete schedule of attractions and times. \$5 entry donation and Beer Tickets are \$3. International Diva, Miss Pepper McShay, will headline the afternoon activities at 2:30 p.m. singing her #1 mega-hit "Dive In The Pool" (theme song from Queer As Folk). It's October, it's cool, it's Tucson's big Pride Festival. Join other thousands of folks from the GLBT community with their families and friends. Continuous entertainment, food, information booths, dancing and a great day of fun in the sun! Most local Gay & Lesbian bars will be having post-OUToberFEST parties. Check with your favorite and party on.

After OUToberFEST beginning at 6:30 p.m. OUTWest Lesbian and Gay Film Festival will present a special "Cinema Under The Stars" at the Rainbow Planet Coffeehouse (rear lot) an evening of free community films including a short animation "Rick and Steve: The Happiest Gay Couple In The World" (Part 1); "The Ritz" and "Dragtime" So grab your friends, bring a blanket or chair, relax and enjoy an evening of laughter and pride for free. 606 N. 4th Avenue.

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 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.

## THURSDAY, OCTOBER 18

Poz Cafe Monthly Luncheon- providing a delicious lunch, along with friendship, games and social activities. Open to all HIV+ adults and one adult guest (partner, family, friend or volunteer respecting confidentiality/privacy concerns). Doors open at 11:30 - complimentary lunch is served at Noon - and games, crafts and social time until 2:30. Located at St. Francis in the Foothills United Methodist Church, a Gay-friendly church at the corner of River and Swan. RESERVATIONS REQUESTED. To reserve your space or request transportation, call the TIHAN office at 299-6547 by Monday, October 15.

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 evenings' celebration. There will be a cash bar and hors d'oeuvres will be provided courtesy of Kingfisher, Bamio, Presidio Grill, Fioritos 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 Ragsdale. For more information call Wingspan, 624-1779.

## FRIDAY, OCTOBER 19

Tucson's Lesbian and Gay Film Festival, sponsored by Wingspan - OUTWest 2001 continues. The original Women's feature film that was scheduled for 7:00 p.m. today at the Crossroads Festival Theatre has been changed. Due to contractual conflicts "Julie Johnson" will not be screened. This film is being substituted with the beautiful Australian feature "The Monkey's Mask" starring Kelly McGillis and Susie Porter will star in this Lesbian theme picture. Crossroads Festival Theatre (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 six 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 sparks of a new interest by an unassuming Native American. For more information call Wingspan, 624-1779.

Gallery Four Ten will open its latest exhibition "NUDE" as interpreted by some of Tucson's finest artists. The opening reception today runs from 5:00 to 9:00 p.m. The show runs through November 24th. 410 E. FL Lowell Road, 740-1947 for regular gallery hours.

# BAR CALENDAR

## OF UPCOMING EVENTS

### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 10

IBT'S - 9:00 p.m., "The Girls Show" starring Aja Simone, Faith Michaels, Ivanna Bump and Samantha White.

### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 13

OUToberFEST 2001 at DeMeester Center in Reid Park, 10:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. See the Tucson Lesbian/Gay Alliance advertisement in this issue of Observer for complete schedule of attractions and times. \$5 entry donation and Beer Tickets are \$3. International Diva, Miss Pepper McShay, will headline the afternoon activities at 2:30 p.m. singing her #1 mega-hit "Dive In The Pool" (theme song from Queer As Folk). It's October, it's cool, it's Tucson's big Pride Festival. Join other thousands of folks from the GLBT community with their families and friends. Continuous entertainment, food, information booths, dancing and a great day of fun in the sun! Most local Gay & Lesbian bars will be having post-OUToberFEST parties. Check with your favorite and party on.

### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 14

IBT'S - Post Picnic Sunday 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 Men's Health Project (GMHP). Then at 8:30 p.m. a special fund raising show for GMHP Bunny FuFu, Faith Michaels, Janee Starr, Miss Saigon, Lady Ashley and special guests.

### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 17

IBT'S - 9:00P.M. "Puttin' On The Lips" lipsync contest hosted by Lucinda Holiday and Bunny FuFu. \$50 First Place Prize. To sign up call Lucinda at 327-1578

### WEDNESDAY, OCT. 30 - HALLOWEEN

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

**\$5<sup>00</sup> OFF 1<sup>ST</sup> VISIT**

**PET DESIGNS**

**DOG & CAT GROOMING**

**323-9599**

LIMITED TIME OFFER

2411 N. COLUMBUS  
CLOSED WEDNESDAY

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.

2. Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): The Phoenix Getaway Weekend continues with dinner at Pookie's and several activities throughout the day and evening. If you couldn't come on Friday, you can still join MSN today. For more information, please call Donn at 975-5666.

Tucson Prime Timers Lunch/Business Meeting at noon at the Hometown Buffet - South Room, 5101 N. Oracle, just north of River Rd. Remember to identify yourself as a Prime Timer when you pay the cashier.

Join Desert voices chorus and New York cabaret artist Delan McBryde for a festive evening of song, dance and shopping. Recently selected as OUT Magazine musician of the year, McBryde gained much of his musical presence through Sons and Lovers, a five-man a capella group from New York who sang inclusive music Flirtations-style. Delan's repertoire consists mainly of pop standards from "Make Your Own Kind of Music" to "My heart Belongs To Daddy". Desert Voices will perform their part of the show with upbeat and Pridelike selections of familiar tunes from the 60s and 70s. PLUS there will be the Voices 4th Annual Silent Auction, a major fundraising event for Desert Voices. It all takes place at Nations Hall, 517 N. 5th Avenue (corner of East 6th Street and North Fifth.) 8:30 p.m. Silent Auction and 8:00 p.m. Concert time.

OUTWest 2000, Tucson's 7th Annual Lesbian and Gay Film Festival continues beginning at 3:00 p.m. at the Screening Room. Call 624-1779 for times and titles. 127 E. Congress.

### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 21

AIDSWALK 2001, a benefit walk to support people living with HIV/AIDS, takes place at Rillito Downs on 1st Avenue one block south of River Road. AIDSWALK is a community awareness and fundraising walk produced by the Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation (SAA). Walkers solicit contributions from individual sponsors while also sharing information about HIV/AIDS with their family, friends and colleagues. Registration begins at 7:00 a.m. Interfaith service at 8:00 a.m. Opening ceremony at 9:00 a.m. Walk begins at 9:30 a.m. Closing ceremony 11:00 a.m. and then music, food and fun! For walker information call (520)791-WALK or call SAAF (520)628-7223

1. Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 9:00 a.m. The annual AIDSWalk happens at Rillito Downs. If you'd like to walk with MSN, or just donate money, please call Paul at 722-4784.

# 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**  
AINT NOBODYS BIZ - Beer Bust 5-10, \$1.25 pitchers. Latin Music with DJ Hill 9-1. Shot specials all night.

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

VENTURE-N - Open 10am. Patio open 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 sinton 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

AINT NOBODYS BIZ - Happy Hour Two-For-One 2-7. \$1.50 Wells 8-midnight, 25¢ cups of draft 8 to closing.

IBT's - 9am-4pm, \$2.00 domestic beer and well. Happy Hour \$1.75 well and domestic beer 4-7pm. 7-9pm \$1.50 well and domestic. 9pm to close. "Undie Mundie" 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 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

AINT NOBODYS BUSINESS - Happy Hour Two-For-One 2-7pm. Pool touney 7:30pm. \$3 entry, pot matched. \$1.50 longnecks for pool players. \$2 Pitchers all nite. Country music with DJ S. 8:30 to closing.

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

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

AINT NOBODYS BUSINESS - Happy Hour 2-4-1 from 2-7. Dance Music with DJ S. 9pm-close. \$2 Long Island and \$1 Pucker all night.

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

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

AINT NOBODYS BUSINESS - Karaoke w/Stephanie 9-close. \$2 Kamazoes and \$1 Hot Sex.

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

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

AINT NOBODYS BUSINESS - Happy Hour Two-For-One 2-7. Free food at 5:30pm. Dance music 9-1 w/ DJ Hill. Drink specials every 1/2 hour

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

VENTURE-N - Open 6am. Patio open 5pm. Daily special til 7pm. Happy Hour Buffet 5-7pm.

WOODY'S - Open Noon. Happy Hour 3-7pm. Martini Party - Well Martini's \$2.00 all day. Call Martini's \$3 from 4pm to close. Volleyball Court is Open. Patio Bar Open 7pm - midnight.

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

### Saturday

AINT NOBODYS BUSINESS - Open at 2pm. Pool Tournament 6:30pm \$3 entry. Pot matched. \$2 pitchers for pool players. Dance music w/DJ Hill 9-close. Drink specials every 1/2 hour.

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

VENTURE-N - Open 6am. Patio Bar open at 3pm. Daily special til 7pm. Patio Beer Bust 3-7pm.

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

YARD DOG - Open daily 6am. Beer Bust 3-7pm. 75¢ glass, \$2.25 pitcher. 50¢ off any Rum 1pm to 7pm. Kennel open 5pm.

NOTICES

**TUCSON INTERFAITH HIV/AIDS NETWORK (TIHAN)**, a coalition of faith communities committed to a compassionate response to HIV/AIDS, provides HIV education in congregational settings, volunteer Care Teams to support HIV+ persons, a referral network of HIV-sensitive clergy, and interfaith services of healing and hope. For more information call 299-8847.

**LESBIAN/GAY/BI-SEXUAL OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS** Saturdays 1 to 2pm new location Wingspan, 300 E. 6th St. Contacts: 325-6676 or 327-4293.

**ANONYMOUS HIV COUNSELING AND TESTING** is available through the Pima County Health Department at sites throughout Tucson. Very Gay Friendly. For more information or to make an appointment call 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, 1436 N. Campbell across from University Hospital. For more info. Call Ernie Staigt 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 Jennifer at 792-4607, Ext.398

**AZdykes** is a new email list for Lesbians living in Arizona. For information mail tyan@theriver.com and request guidelines.

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

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

**SOUTHERN ARIZONA GENDER ALLIANCE (SAGA)**. Meetings on the 1st Monday, 7pm. Dezart Gutz (MTF) Meets 2nd Monday at 7pm. Dezart 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, 6523 N. 14th St., #112, Phoenix, AZ 85014 or call 802-279-4805.

**DESERT DOMINION TUCSON'S 100% CONSENSUAL, Pan-Fetish, Pan-Sexual, Informational, Educational, Safe Space** for the B&D, S&M, D&S and TV community. For more info call (520)792-8424 or http://www.desertdominion.org

**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 Mirlo 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 (802)534-6219 (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. Fiedlar 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.

**SAA (Sex Addicts Anonymous)** has 6 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, 6:30 p.m. each month at Santa Cruz Lutheran Church, 6809 S. Cardinal Ave. For information visit www.lctucson.org write: LG, 7014 E. Golf Links Road, PMB 212, Tucson, AZ 85730.

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

**REVELLE GAY MEN'S CHORUS** rehearses Tuesdays 7-10pm at MCC Church, 3289 N. Mountain. Have any history/experience singing? Join us! Call 817-3100 for more info.

**TGNetArizona:** The central source for news and information for, by and about the TS, TG, and Gender-variant communities of Arizona. Website URL: http://www.tgnetarizona.org - e-mail address: eipoodrum@uswest.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. 6th St.

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

**SOUTHERN ARIZONA AIDS FOUNDATION (SAAF)**, 375 S. EUCLID. Office Hours 8am to 5pm, Monday through Friday. Direct services and emotional support for persons with and affected by HIV. Anonymous HIV testing and support groups available. Prevention education programs. 628-SAAF (7223). World wide web: http://www.saaaf.org. VOLUNTEERS WELCOME.

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

**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 36284, Tucson, AZ 85740-8284. All replies confidential.

**TUCSON GLBT AL-ANON GROUP** meets Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. at Wingspan, 300 E. 6th Street. Call 824-1779 for more information.

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

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

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

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

**TUCSON GREATER SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION.** Interested? Call Kelly Quinn, (520)742-7895 or go to our web site http://www.tgsasoftball.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 615-8438 for more info.

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

**LEARN TO BE A LISTENING FRIEND** Unique Hospital Volunteer Program teaches listening skills to volunteers who provide a safe/compassionate environment to at-risk patients. Training every 6 weeks. 694-7083.

**LAMBDA CAR CLUB,** a social organization of Gays and Lesbians who share interest, information and fellowship involving all cars and trucks. New Southern Arizona Region now in Tucson. Call the HOTline for info at 888-5541

**LESBIAN AND GAY AL-ANON** - Affected by someone's drinking? Meeting every Tuesday 8:45 to 9:45 p.m. at Lambda Center, 2940 E. Thomas, Phoenix. Effie 591-8850 or Ronn 968-2384.

**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 824-8788.

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

**T-SQUARES** Lesbian and Gay square dance club meets every Tuesday from 6:30-9:00 p.m. at Cornerstone Fellowship Social Hall, 2902 N. Geronimo (near 1st Ave. and Laguna). Open to All. Call Liz at 325-9458 or Ray at 749-5247.

**LIGHTNING LIGHTING** will provide lighting for AIDS and related benefits at no charge. For more info call Adriana at 859-7298.

**GAY & LESBIAN SPIRITUALITY GROUP** of St. Philips 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 Armory Park Senior Center, 220 S. 8th Ave. Call 791-9882.

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

**AA Meeting with HIV/AIDS focus,** Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m., MCC Church, 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 690-9585 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 745-6977 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), 6:00 p.m. Information 624-1779.

**SUPPORT GROUP:** Gays, Lesbians and Bisexuals meet weekly for open discussions in a loving, supportive atmosphere. Meetings Thursdays from 7:30 to 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 2nd Monday at 7pm. Call 327-7238 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** - Non-discriminatory Personal Ads. Admirers welcome too. Send stamp for information: Mavericks, Box 9543, Santa Fe, NM 87504.

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

**INNER WISDOM** - Try hypnotherapy for pain relief, past life exploration and addiction release. Also available: Spiritual Counseling and Dream Interpretation. 579-9020

**BEARS OF THE OLD PUEBLO** - a social club for bears and bigger, more robust men (and of course, those who prefer their company). For more info, Call the Bears Hotline (520)790-5775 or write P.O. Box 43910, Tucson, AZ 85733-3910 of visit our website at www.bolop.com All are welcome to our general meetings/potlucks on the 2nd Friday of every month, 7pm at Sentinel Bldg. On the City of Tucson Resource Campus, 310 N. Commerce Park Loop on Bonita St. between St. Marys and Congress.

HOUSING/FOR RENT

**AVAILABLE 11-2-01. 1 BEDROOM BUNGALOW.** Covered front & back porches / pool. 4420 E. Lee St. Inquire 4404 or 4418 E Lee St. 900

**CENTRALLY LOCATED BURNT ADOBE HOUSE.** 3br, 1 1/2 ba. Additional office space with DSL. Landscaped service provided. Pets OK w/ deposit. \$900/mo. + utilities. 247-3838. 900

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## Tucson's 7th Annual Lesbian and Gay Film Festival

October 18<sup>th</sup> 19<sup>th</sup> 20<sup>th</sup> 21<sup>st</sup> - 2001

### FREE COMMUNITY FILMS "CINEMA UNDER THE STARS"

October 13th 6:30pm (after OUToberfest picnic)  
Rainbow Planet Coffeehouse - rear parking lot.  
Bring your own chair or blanket.

#### FILM SCHEDULE:

#### OPENING NIGHT: "Hellava Gayla"

Sponsors: Speedway Veterinary Hospital/Rainbow Planet

#### THURSDAY, October 18th, 2001

Historic Rialto Theatre 318 E. Congress

BOX OFFICE & DOORS OPEN 6pm

Music: Betty Diamond Band/Cash Bar/Hors d'oeuvres: Barrio, Floritos, Presidio Grill, Kingfisher, Dakota Cafe

**7:00pm Animation Program:** Creative genius - 8 International Animated shorts

**8:30pm Feature: Sporty Girls** Filmed Cabaret performance of Georgia Ragsdale

LIVE ON STAGE join the star of the film, Ms. Ragsdale, for a live performance.

#### FRIDAY, October 19th 2001

Crossroads Festival Theatre/Grand Cinemas (Grant & Swan)

#### NEW WOMEN'S FEATURE FILM (Replaces "Julie Johnson")

**7:00PM Feature -The Monkey's Mask** (Australia) - Arizona Premier - Starring Kelly McGillis and Susie Porter

**9:30PM Feature -Big Eden** (USA) - Southern Arizona Premier - Starring Ayres Gross, Louise Fletcher, and Eric Schweig

#### TICKET INFORMATION

**Producer Passes** (\$40) entry to all films screening and festivities  
**Opening Night** (\$15), admittance to the October 18th "Hellava Gayla" only.

#### Available at

Wingspan -300 N. 6th Street  
The Rainbow Planet Coffeehouse -606 N. 4th Ave  
Antigone Books -411 N. 4th Ave.

**Individual Tickets** for 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**

Updates-Full schedule-Film Information

Check Our Website: [members.aol.com/TucsonFilmFest](http://members.aol.com/TucsonFilmFest)

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#### SATURDAY, October 20th 2001

The Screening Room, 127 E. Congress

**3PM Program:** GLBT Issues in Our Schools: **Youth Out Loud** / with Forum

Sponsor: GLSEN (Gay, Lesbian, Straight Education Network)

**5PM Program: Sobrevivencia Latina/Latin Survival:** subtitled/Eng/Spanish

3 films dealing with Homophobia and Domestic Violence within the Latin communities  
De Colores (USA) Violencia Domestica (USA) Gladys: A Cuban Mother (Spain)

Sponsors: Wingspan Domestic Violence Center and Salud Es Pagar

**6PM Q-Youth Program: FREE ADMISSION-FOR STUDENTS ONLY**  
**Lounge Youth Center Call 620-6245 for Information and Directions**

A program of 7 films that pertain to Queer youth and their odyssey.

Partnered with: Queer Voice

**7PM Program: Mixed Bag: Family Fun** - 8 International GLBT inspired short films for all members of the Community.

Sponsors: Lesbian Looks Film and Video Series and U/A Committee on LGB Studies

**9PM Program: Out in Public** Frank dialogue about Public sex - 4 Explicit Films

OUT in the Open (USA) Cyberslut (USA) Skin (Can) Steam Clean (Can)

Sponsors: Gay Men's Health Project and Bears of the Old Pueblo

#### SUNDAY, October 21, 2001

The Screening Room, 127 E. Congress

**3PM Feature: Undetectable** (USA) Annual tribute to the AIDS walk-free to participants. The effect of the "cocktail" on 6 people - dealing with the quality of life.

Sponsor: Pacific AZ Aids Education and Training Center

**5PM Program: Q-Music Makers: Then and Now**

Tiny and Ruby: Hell Divin Women (USA) El Rey de Rock and Roll (USA)

Sponsor: Tucson Jazz Society

**7PM AZ Independent Filmmaker**

Feature: **An Intimate Friendship**

Based on Angela Evers Hughey (Writer/Director/Producer) award winning play "An Intimate Friendship". This film was shot entirely in the Valley of the Sun

**9PM Student Filmmakers Showcase:** Student Filmmakers from 8 of the best Film Schools whose work represents various GLBT issues. (International)