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## Gay Hero Emerges From Terror Attacks

SAN FRANCISCO, CA - Mark Bingham was a strapping 220-pound, 6-foot-5 rugby player who had fought off muggers on the street and run with the bulls in Spain before taking on the terrorists on United Flight 93.

One of the heroes to emerge from America's biggest tragedy, Bingham has also become a symbol of hope to the nation's Gay and Lesbian community -- a man whose sexual orientation made no difference when lives were at stake, the Associated Press reported.

"I think Mark was always my personal hero," said Paul Holm, Bingham's former partner of six years. "We didn't run around waving Gay flags, but we were very proud to be Gay and if people asked, he told them."

Flight 93 was en route from Newark, N.J., to San Francisco on Sept. 11 when Bingham, 31, called his mother saying they had been hijacked by three men who said they had a bomb. Bingham, sitting within reach of the cockpit, is believed to be one of those who fought the terrorists and caused the plane to crash into a Pennsylvania field instead of its apparent target in Washington.

Now, liberals and conservatives alike invoke Bingham's name as an example of America's strength and spirit.

California's top politicians presented Holm with an American flag, and San Francisco Supervisor Mark Leno wants to build a Bingham memorial in the city's predominantly Gay Castro District.

"If he knew that lives were at stake, I'm convinced with every bone in my body that he would have jumped into action," Holm said. "He was physically fit and strong and guns and weapons didn't bother him."

He fought off muggers in New York and San Francisco, wrestling a gun away despite being hit on the head. Over the summer, he was gored while running with the bulls in Spain.

Bingham, who lived most of his life in Northern California but moved to New York not long before the terrorist attacks, also was a proven leader. He had coached his Gay rugby team, the San Francisco Fog, was president of his fraternity at the University of California at Berkeley and started his own public relations firm, the Bingham Group, in San Francisco and New York.

"He was a true competitor, and it went from everything from Scrabble to card games," Holm said.

Recently, after his rugby team was accepted into the straight California Rugby League, he emailed a pep talk to his teammates.

"We have the chance to be role models for other Gay folks who wanted to play sports, but never felt good enough or strong enough. More importantly, we have the chance to show the other teams in the league that we are as good as they are," Bingham wrote.

"Gay men weren't always wall-flowers waiting on the sideline. We have the opportunity to let these other athletes know that Gay men were around all along -- on their little league teams, in their classes, being their friends. This is a great opportunity to change a lot of people's minds."

Among Gay and Lesbian citizens, reactions to Bingham's death are a mix of pride and sadness, frustration and hope.

"I wish people could just understand that wherever they go, they will meet us. It's just very sad to me that it takes a brave young man like Mark Bingham to lose his life so horribly for people to begin to understand that," said Cleve Jones, a Gay activist who created the AIDS quilt in San Francisco.

Jones choked back tears as he talked about a soldier boyfriend being shipped out to the Middle East. He said Bingham's heroism should serve as the catalyst that ends the military's "don't ask, don't tell" policy on Gay and Lesbian soldiers.

"I think this would be a very good time for the president to put his name on a piece of paper and end this stupid policy," Jones said. "We are all needed."

The attacks have prompted some political change. After nine years of opposition, the House voted to allow the District of Columbia to extend health care benefits to domestic partners. The Senate has yet to act.

Also, Republican New York Gov. George Pataki decided that partners of Gay and Lesbian citizens killed in violent crimes can get benefits from the New York Crime Victims Board.

"Do you think for a minute that one of those men or women fleeing the towers trying to save themselves ... do you think one of them thought for a minute, 'I wonder what the sexual orientation of that fireman is?'" Pataki said. "This is still the greatest country in the world, but we can make it a little better. We can learn a little

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## AIDSWALK 2001 DRAWS THOUSANDS



TUCSON - The weather was perfect and thousands turned out for AIDS Walk 2001 last Sunday, Oct. 21. The annual affair is a benefit walk to support people living with HIV/AIDS. The annual event took place at Rillito Downs and after the walk the crowds gathered for a celebration that included music, food, speeches and announcements of winning walker teams.

At presstime the final statistics were unknown. But from all accounts, it was a very successful fundraising event. As the photos above show the grounds were nearly shoulder to shoulder with people. There are more photos on page eight of this issue. The final report will appear in next week's issue.

## Opela Case Update

TUCSON (ON) - New developments in the case of the Tucson Fire Fighter and Paramedic, convicted of assaulting a Gay man outside a Tucson restaurant and fleeing the scene.

As first reported in the Observer, the head of the state's Emergency Medical Services (BEMS) division, Dr. Garth Gomar, has recommended that a Tucson Fire Fighter, Franchot Opela convicted of assaulting a Gay man, have his paramedic's license revoked.

Documents obtained by The Observer showed that a BEMS representative received a news article about Opela's conviction on or about July 11, and that the

subsequent investigation revealed that Opela had been convicted of assault.

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

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# UPDATE

## Film Festival On Access TV

TUCSON - OUTWest 2001- the Tucson Seventh Annual Lesbian and Gay Film Festival sponsored by Wingspan, concluded it's run this last Sunday, October 21. If you missed any of it, you still have a chance to see some of the programs that made it such a success.

In an association that has been worked out between the Film Festival and Access Tucson, for the first time, highlights of the festival can be viewed on cable television. Access Tucson also served this year as a sponsor of the Lesbian and Gay Film Festival.

Channel 74 on Cox Communications cable system as well as Channel streaming on the web will televise four of the festival features and programs at 10:30 p.m., every evening from October 22 through to October 29.

The films and programs to be screened are:

"Undetectable: New Faces of AIDS" - telling the story of six people over four years who are dealing with the "cocktail" and the quality of life it allows. "Youth Out Loud: LGBT Issues in our Schools" - not only from the standpoint of the students but from the educators who fight the battle of gender equality and Gay bias in the classrooms and school boardrooms.

A program of three short films called, "Mixed Bag: Family Fun" - are shorts dealing with LGBT issues: "Cripshots" six queer physically challenged artist tell the stories of discrimination through their various art disciplines. "Violencia Domestica" allows us insight into the world of Lesbian domestic violence in the Latin community and their resources. "Straight Down the Aisle: Confession of Lesbian Bridesmaids" One of the festival favorites tells it like it is - let them eat cake.

The fourth program to be televised is the "Student Filmmaker Showcase" which includes five short films dealing with LGBT issues that were submitted to OUTWest from film students around the world: "An Extraordinary Family" from the University of Utah and student Natalie Avery. "Magical Cat" from the University of Oklahoma and student Joanne Wallace. A "Coffee Date" from UCLA Extension and Stewart Wade. "The Last Secret" from Wollangong University in Australia, student filmmaker Rie Nataleko. "Me and My Baby in Miami" from Aldo Picini at Miami-Dade Community College in Florida.

Film festival organizers express thanks to Access Tucson for helping further extend not only into the GLBT community but the City of Tucson in general.

## Chevront Gets His On November 14

PHOENIX - So what is really like to work with Ken Chevront?

On Wednesday, November 14, join state Senator Elaine Richardson, Representatives Kathi Foster, Gabrielle Giffords, Linda Lopez, Leah Landrum Taylor, and a special guest speaker as we pay tribute to state Representative Ken Chevront, who will be in last term as the House Democratic Leader.

Though Chevront may wish to look forward, the presenters will be taking a look back on his ascent to leadership in the Arizona Legislature and telling what it is really like to work with Ken.

This roast will take place November 14, at the Double Tree La Posada Resort, 4949 East Lincoln Drive in Paradise Valley. Cocktails will be at 6:00 p.m., with the roasting starting at 7:00 p.m. Tickets are \$125 per person, and the proceeds will go to the Arizona Stonewall Democrats. Make checks payable to "Stonewall Democrats," and send them to, "Ken Chevront Roast," 6614 North 14th Street, Phoenix, Arizona 85014.

For more information, or to RSVP, please call Jean McDermott, (602) 277-5845.

## Leal, Aboud, Ronstadt Get AHRF Nod

TUCSON - The Arizona Human Rights Fund (AHRF), the statewide Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender rights organization announced their endorsements for the November 6, Tucson general election.

AHRF has endorsed Ward 5 Tucson Democratic Councilmember Steve Leal, Paula Aboud, Democratic candidate in Ward 3, and the incumbent Ward 6 Councilmember, Fred Ronstadt, a Republican.

For the Phoenix City Council races, AHRF announced that Peggy Noely in District 2 and Mike Johnson in District 8 have received its endorsements.

The Arizona Human Rights Fund is a non-partisan, membership organization whose purpose is to secure, protect and defend the rights and welfare of Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgendered people. For more information about AHRF, call (602) 650-0900.

## Desert Coyotes Update: Bowlers Needed

TUCSON - The Desert Coyotes are looking for individuals to fill a couple of open spots on team rosters.

Every Wednesday at 9:00 p.m., the league bowls three game at Golden Pin Lanes, 1010 W. Miracle Mile. Teams consist of three individuals, who pay \$12 a week for lineage. For new bowlers there is a one-time sanction fee.

Skill isn't important, having fun is the prerequisite. If interested, show up a few minutes prior to the 9:00 p.m. start. For more information, call (520) 323-6449. ...

A big congrats also goes out to the Desert Coyotes league President, Ms. Heather, who wowed the league this past week with her bowling, a 279 game and a 656 series, both career highs.

## Mr. & Miss Gay Teen Pageant 2002, Oct. 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.

## TLGA Board Elections

TUCSON - The Tucson Lesbian and Gay Alliance (TLGA) will be having their annual board elections Tuesday, November 13, at Wingspan, 300 E. Sixth Street.

All interested individuals should attending this important meeting.

TLGA are the producers of Tucson's Pride Events: OUToberFEST, Pride Week in June, and Gay West at Old Tucson Studios.

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# Memory Loss From Ecstasy May Be Permanent, Study Says

NEW YORK, NY -Ever hear someone quip that their memory loss is the result of too much fun in college? Well there is some evidence to substantiate that claim, Gay-health.com reported.

According to a new study, using ecstasy may have a long lasting effect on memory loss even after you stop using it. Other studies have found that ecstasy damages brain serotonin (5-HT) neurons in animals, which are linked to memory function.

"In the longer term, research shows that ecstasy can cause lasting changes in the brain's chemical systems that control mood and memory," said Dr. Alan I. Leshner, director of the National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA).

According to a study published in the October issue of the Archives of General Psychiatry, while these brain neurons may eventually recover, harm to your memory function may be long lasting.

Researchers from the Academic Medical Center in Amsterdam, the Netherlands, examined the brain neurons and memory function of 51 participants. Twenty-two of the participants had recently used ecstasy, 16 had stopped using ecstasy for at

least one year and there was a control group of 13 non users.

While the brain abnormalities were different between current and past users, the loss of memory was similar when compared to the control group.

Research shows that Ecstasy can cause lasting changes in the brain's chemical systems that control mood and memory.

"The present study suggests that, while the neurotoxic effects of MDMA on 5-HT neurons in the human cortex may be reversible, the effects of MDMA on memory function may be long-lasting," the study authors concluded.

Scientists and researchers convened at a conference in July to focus on the drug ecstasy, it's long-term consequences, drug interactions, patterns of abuse, risk perceptions, and implications for prevention and treatment research.

"The latest research shows that ecstasy, despite its name, is not a harmless 'party' drug. In the short term, ecstasy can cause dramatic changes in heart rate and blood pressure, dehydration, and a potentially life-threatening increase in body temperature," said Leshner.

# Gay Men In S.F. Less Afraid Of HIV

SAN FRANCISCO, CA - Gay men have adopted a "don't ask, don't tell" policy when it comes to talking about HIV, which might be contributing to a rise in infection rates, a new study by the University of California at San Francisco has shown, the San Francisco Chronicle reported.

The just-released study also showed what experts already knew: Gay men don't find HIV as threatening as they once did, ads for AIDS drugs are seen as glamorizing life after infection, and there is increased acceptance of unprotected sex.

The study was conducted last summer with 55 Gay and Bisexual men from San Francisco, divided into six focus groups. Author Stephen Morin, director of UCSF AIDS Policy Research Center, said the study's purpose was twofold: to get Gay men to explain the rise in infection rates and define prevention messages that might reduce risk among Gay and Bisexual men.

Recent Department of Health projections indicate a rising rate of new HIV infections, translating into about 750 new infections this year.

"The community norm has changed," Morin said. "Guys in the survey told us a friend may go on a date, or to a bathhouse, but the question 'Were you safe?' doesn't come up. That 'Friends don't let friends drive drunk' kind of social support that came out loud and clear -- there's been a real deterioration in that. And it seems to be a major way people felt supported for staying negative."

Men in the focus groups recommended a new social marketing campaign with ads on television, in magazines, on bus shelters, in bars and sex clubs, encouraging Gay men to talk with their friends about HIV and dispel some of the myths. One of the slogans that emerged from the study: "Friends Can Be Good Medicine -- Talk About HIV."

Steven Tierney, director of HIV prevention for the San Francisco Department of Health, said advertisements also

needed to encourage safe behavior.

Though the Health Department has been promoting detailed prevention messages urging Gay men who engage in anal intercourse to use condoms, the message often has fallen on deaf ears.

Men in the survey also expressed concern that ads for AIDS medications glamorize life after infection and need to be counterbalanced with images of men suffering from drug side effects.

"We need to reinvigorate a community norm of taking care of oneself and making safer decisions," Tierney said. "The messages don't need to scare people as much as alert them to the reality that there are serious consequences to getting AIDS."

Tierney said new ads should be ready by early next year.

Antonio Kruger, head of a young men's group at the Stop AIDS Project in San Francisco, said the new ad campaign is a good idea as long as it is accompanied by accurate information about how HIV is transmitted.

"Scare tactics only work in the short term," he said. "The solution has to be for the long term. It has to focus on facts and it has to show diverse people and break the barrier of homophobia that two men having sex is wrong and evil. I've spoken with several young men who believe they deserve catching AIDS. 'Why worry,' they've said, 'I'm going to get it anyway.'"

Jeff Getty, a member of the AIDS activist group Survive AIDS, said a better prevention tool would be to send Gay men into sex clubs to be safe-sex advisers.

"A little piece of paper is not going to stop people from engaging in unsafe sex," he said. "Send people out in the trenches."



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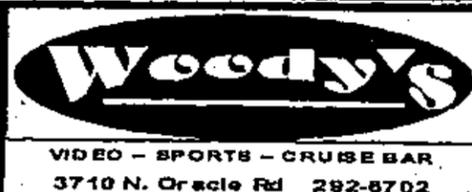
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## Navy Calls Bomb Message 'Inappropriate'



"HIGH JACK (sic) THIS FAGS, an anti-Gay message written in chalk on a U.S. Navy bomb headed for Afghanistan from the aircraft carrier USS Enterprise in the Arabian Sea

WASHINGTON, DC - Reacting to a photo of an anti Gay slur on a missile, the Navy vowed to prevent sailors from writing "inappropriate" messages on bombs, Gay.com/PlanetOut.com network reported.

The U.S. Navy didn't exactly apologize, but it did please Gay organizations by announcing that it's acting to prevent sailors from writing "inappropriate" messages on bombs bound for Afghanistan.

An Associated Press photographer on the USS Enterprise shot a picture of a bomb on which someone had written "High Jack [sic] This Fags."

The AP, which distributes stories and content to hundreds of American newspapers, withdrew the photo on Oct. 12 after receiving complaints. At least one newspaper, the London Metro, ran the photo, which was released a day earlier. It remains on the Internet at Yahoo News.

The Navy told its commanders this week to make sure that no such incidents happen again, wrote Rear Admiral S. R. Pietropaoli in an Oct. 17 letter to the Hu-

man Rights Campaign, a Gay advocacy group.

Pietropaoli didn't directly apologize but said the message on the bomb was "inappropriate." He added that while there's no Defense Department policy on what can be written on bombs, "we do, however, expect oversight and leadership on the scene to ensure such actions are appropriate. ... The U.S. Navy does not tolerate discrimination of any kind."

In e-mail discussions, some observers scoffed at the statement and said it's ironic because the military frowns on Gays and Lesbians.

However, representatives of the Human Rights Campaign and the Servicemembers Legal Defense Network said they're happy with the Navy's response to the photo.

"The letter was a welcome clarification, and we are pleased the Navy has stated that this type of anti-Gay behavior has no place in our armed forces," said HRC Executive Director Elizabeth Birch in a statement.

## Entertainment Briefs . . . . .

A Los Angeles judge has ordered Tom Cruise to pay \$27,900 in legal fees to Kristina Ann Kirstin, a woman named in Cruise's \$100 million defamation suit against Gay porn star Chad Slater (who performed under the name Kyle Bradford).

After suing Slater for allegedly telling a French publication that Slater's affair with Cruise ended Cruise's marriage, the Jerry Maguire star expanded his suit to include Kirstin, who Cruise claims tried to sell a fake story to the National Enquirer saying her ex-husband, Slater, had left her for Cruise. Last week, however, superior court judge Aurelio Muñoz said that Cruise's testimony was contradictory—the complaint included a statement from Slater saying he didn't know Cruise, which Cruise's lawyers used to prove that Kirstin's tale was false. But Muñoz ruled that the statement would then contradict Cruise's original suit against Bradford.

"Plaintiff is blowing both hot and cold in this same proceeding," reads the judge's statement. "This [declaration from Slater] is the only evidence to indicate [Kirstin] knew the story was false when she sold it. Plaintiff cannot have it both ways." Cruise's lawyers say they will fight the judicial order and will continue with their complaint against Slater, who has defaulted on the lawsuit and has said that he will file for bankruptcy if the case against him continues. . . .

Looks like Dr. David is out of the

picture, Robert Gant (who played the vice principal on *Popular*) has been added to the cast of Showtime's *Queer as Folk*, which begins its second season in January. Gant will play a university professor who specializes in Gay studies, and the character is meant to serve as the new love interest for Hal Sparks's Michael. . . .

Executives from the CBS network and the Academy of Television Arts and Sciences have announced that the twice-postponed Emmy Awards will now take place November 4. Ellen DeGeneres remains the host of the event.

"All across our industry, people have been a little shaken...but what I have sensed is, it's the right thing to go forward," said ATAS chairman Bryce Zabel. There will be a few changes: The ceremony will take place at the Shubert Theater in Los Angeles's Century-City rather than at the Shrine Auditorium in downtown L.A.; producer Gary Smith will now be in charge of the show, since previous producer Don Mischer has moved on to preplanning the TV coverage of the upcoming Winter Olympics; the traditional formal dress code has been scrapped in favor of "dressy business attire"; no fans will be allowed in the red carpet area; a scheduled satellite ceremony in New York (for East Coast nominees who were worried about flying to Los Angeles) has been scrapped; and there will be only one after-party, a Unity Dinner held across the street from the Shubert at the Century Plaza Hotel.

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When gathering items regarding an incident for this week's column, involving openly Gay state Representative Ed Poelstra, R-Tucson, one of three openly Gay members of the Arizona Legislature, and the Gay and Lesbian Victory Fund, an organization which purports to be committed to increasing the number of openly Gay and Lesbian public officials at all levels of government, an individual from Maricopa County, declared this reporter had a "Tucson Chip" on my shoulder because of the questions posed.

There was no chip, a Tucson, potato, card or otherwise located on this reporter's shoulder, just coming to the conclusion after gathering the information that Tucson had been yet again, treated as the "unwanted, ugly step child" over this incident.

Here is what transpired. On October 14, according to Poelstra, he was in his office at the Capitol in Phoenix, opening his mail and came across a form invitation to a Gay and Lesbian Victory Fund party fund raiser, marking the organization's tenth anniversary, scheduled for October 26 at a home in Scottsdale.

This event, entitled "Guess Who's Coming to Dinner," featured special guests (openly Gay and Lesbian elected officials): state Representative Ken Chevront, D-Phoenix, state Representative Steve May, R-Paradise Valley, Tempe Mayor Neil Giuliano, Julia Boseman, a New Haven County Commissioner from North Carolina, and Chris Kolb, a state Representative from Michigan.

After reading this, Poelstra said he was upset and sent a letter, dated October 15, to Tim Plant of the Gay and Lesbian

Victory Fund in Washington D.C. He wrote that "I was further astonished and troubled by your oversight and lack of courtesy, of no earlier correspondence to inform or involve me in this event." It was the first time he had heard of the event and for the record, The Observer had not received a single press release, fax, letter or E-mail regarding this event.

Plant responded to Poelstra's letter, stating that "we focus on local officials (in this case Phoenix) who won their races with Victory Fund support, recently elected, groundbreaking officials and future candidates. ..." So what is Poelstra then, an openly Gay candidate for re-election, chopped liver? What about the two out-of-state, special guest, elected officials? Plant ends his letter, stating that "I hope it does not negatively affect your opinion of the Victory Fund. There is still much work that needs to be done which can only be achieved through unity." Their definition of the word "unity" wasn't what Webster had intended!

More questions about this event arose. When reached for comment by this reporter about the event, one of the local organizers, whose home, located in Scottsdale, is where the soiree is being held, said: this was a local event, for Phoenix, and that Poelstra had gotten an invitation through a computer error. Only a few Tucsonans may have received invites, and most of those were from the Arizona Human Rights

Fund board; and, there are members of the Gay and Lesbian Victory Fund from Tucson but there hasn't been any events in Tucson since "their eyes had been on Phoenix."

Poelstra stated in an interview, that, other than one conversation with state Representative Steve May, he had only received the Gay and Lesbian Victory Fund's questionnaire during his initial campaign, and two form letters about a couple of conferences, after he had been elected.

So this reporter wanted to know how the Gay and Lesbian Victory Fund got in contact with candidates or elected officials that either didn't know about the organization, or the organization didn't know about the person in question. A spokesperson from the Washington D.C. office of the Gay and Lesbian Victory Fund stated that they have an individual from their office contact the person in question, introduce themselves and explain what the Gay and Lesbian Victory Fund does and stands for. Poelstra said he hadn't received any calls or E-mails from the group which is interesting, since Poelstra has been in office for ten months. Also, wouldn't a timely phone call to Poelstra from Plant or someone from the Washington D.C. office, introducing themselves, the group and formally inviting one of Arizona's three openly Gay state legislators to the event would have been enough outreach? Perhaps.

An upset Poelstra sent out a press release to the Phoenix daily newspaper about this, with his comments, for which some individuals in Maricopa County were critical of his action and questioned his motives.

That assumption by those individuals wasn't correct. It wasn't just a snub for Poelstra but the fact that once again, Tucson's Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender (GLBT) and HIV/AIDS community, which has led the state, and has been one of the national leaders in getting ordinances passed dealing with issues of concern, for example, the 24-year-old anti discrimination ordinance, citing one of the many successes achieved, had been treated as the "unwanted, ugly stepchild" during this incident, a familiar pattern that has changed only on rare occasions.

It's about time that the Phoenix GLBT political community, especially those with the Gay and Lesbian Victory Fund, followed what Tim Plant said in his letter that, "there is still much work that needs to be done which only can be achieved through unity." Tucson deserves a seat at the proverbial table to help advance our cause, and is ready to work together to achieve those successes.

Tucson's GLBT political community doesn't have the proverbial chip on its shoulder as some in Maricopa County would believe. Tucson won't be the answer to the question posed at the October 26, Gay and Lesbian Victory Fund event in Scottsdale, "Guess Who's Coming to Dinner?", since it is the "unwanted, ugly stepchild."

## POLITICS 2001

by Mark R. Kerr

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## 'Cairo 52' Trial Ends

CAIRO, Egypt (NP) - The case of the "Cairo 52," a group of men accused of engaging in homosexual acts on or near a riverboat in Cairo last May, took some unexpected and surprising turns.

Queen Boat, according to IGLHRC.

At a hearing at Cairo's High State Security Court on Oct. 10, the defense presented information contradicting police evidence relating to the arrests. According to the International Gay and Lesbian Human Rights Commission (IGLHRC), much of the evidence in the case has been inconsistent from the beginning of the trial, starting with the arrests of the accused.

Also in question is the membership of Sherif Farhat, the lead defendant in the case, in the Islamic terrorist group Jihad. According to Agence France-Presse, the prosecution accused Farhat of being a terrorist. Farhat's lawyer argues that his client could not be both a member of Jihad and be Gay, since homosexuality is shunned in Islam.

Police in Cairo claim that, prior to the arrests, they had been surveying the homes of four of the men arrested on the Queen Boat, a floating nightclub on the Nile River. However, the four men in question had provided false names and addresses upon incarceration. The prosecution, upon learning this a few weeks into the case, told the court during the Oct. 10 hearing that the false names were actually the four men's aliases.

M. Faisal Alam, of the Gay Muslim group Al-Fatiha, called the "insinuation" that Farhat is a member of the Islamic Jihad "an excuse to justify the trial, especially in light of the new 'war on terrorism.'"

The judge is scheduled to announce his verdicts on Nov. 14. The men accused in this case could each face up to five years in prison without the possibility of appealing the judge's ruling.

"We have been following this case since its inception, and we discover more inconsistencies and irregularities every day," said Scott Long, IGLHRC's Program Director. "The evidence in this case just does not add up."

The emergency state court is notorious for hearing human rights cases where people are put on trial without access to proper legal aid, family or friends, according to Michael Heflin, Director of the Outfront Program, Amnesty International's Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender outreach. Amnesty has expressed concern about the trial from the beginning with the feeling that much of the evidence has been fabricated.

Of the 52 men arrested for committing Gay acts or who "looked Gay," 19 were arrested away from the boat, some the next day. One man told the court that police arrested him while on a 48-hour leave from military service. This man, who was drunk at the time of his arrest, was to be released by a public prosecutor. However, he landed in jail with the other men arrested on the

"The way these 52 men are being treated [in this court] is not unique. These are serious allegations, and the men are subjected to torture and ill treatment," Heflin said. "Our main view is that if these men are being held on the basis of homosexual activity, the fact they can be put in prison for that is fundamentally wrong."

## Anti-G/L Petition Drive Fails

FORT LAUDERDALE, FL - The petition drive to overturn Broward County's Gay rights ordinance by calling a special election fell short by 7,852 signatures, election officials said, after more than 12,000 signatures had been invalidated.

gritly dismissed these rumors as "disinformation" and went so far as to accuse county commissioner Miriam Oliphant of harboring bias against the anti-Gay group, because she participated in a Gay and Lesbian pride march.

Of the 66,304 signatures submitted, the Broward election staff accepted 54,291 and rejected a total of 12,013, the Miami Herald reports. Signatures were invalidated if they were not those of registered voters or if they appeared more than once on petition forms.

"When you look at people like Oliphant in that group, they're not impartial, there's a conflict of interest," Tewannah Aman said. "I found it hard-pressed to believe that we would get the numbers. They would find a way to make sure we wouldn't."

Equal Rights Not Special Rights, the group that organized the petition drive said it would inspect all of the discarded petitions.

"Equal Rights will continue to vigorously defend the people's right to vote, and work on behalf of the public interest to ensure that Broward County voters have not been disenfranchised," said Lorna Bryan, the group's executive director.

This is the second time a campaign to overturn the ordinance has failed.

Rumors that the petition drive would be defeated have circulated in South Florida for weeks. It also was predicted on broadcaster Steve Kane's radio talk show by members of the County Commission and other political leaders.

Americans for Equality, a Gay civil rights group, told the Sun-Sentinel they were confident the petition would fail. "We could just tell from the rate of rejection that they didn't succeed," said Richard Giorgio.

Equal Rights representatives an-

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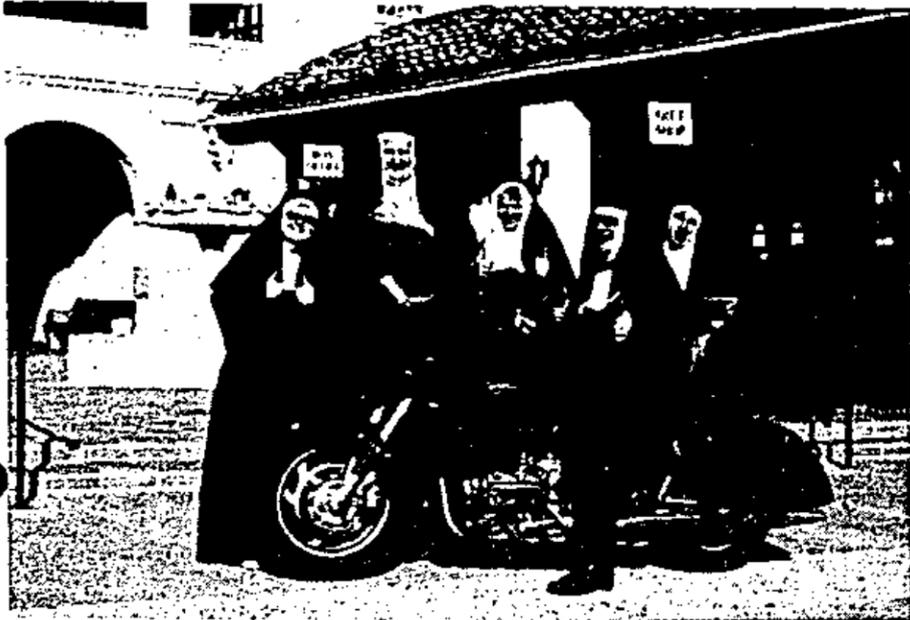
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Pictured above are left to right: H. Ribblatt, Robinson Alrutz, Nick Cianciotto, Ray Masterson and Mark Magen. The show, a musical comedy by Dan Goggin, follows the Little Sisters of Hoboken as they try to raise money to bury their fellow sisters who were accidentally poisoned by the convent cook Sister Julia (Child of God). The show is wacky and outrageous with an anything-goes sense of fun.

The show will take place at the Cabaret Theatre of the Temple of Music and Art, 330 S. Scott. Nov. 11 and 15 at 8:00 p.m. and Nov. 17 at 2:00 p.m. Tickets are \$25.00 with all profits going to SAAF and TIHAN. Seating is limited. Tickets may be purchased at SAAF, 375 S. Euclid; TIHAN, 492 N. Alvernon; Antigone Bookstore 411 N. 4<sup>th</sup> Ave., or by calling 733-1076. No refunds. PHOTO: Merwin Thomas

# AHRF

## VOTER GUIDE FOR TUCSON CITY COUNCIL

# ELECTION VOTER INFORMATION & ENDORSEMENTS 2001

## Arizona Human Rights Fund Tucson City Council Questionnaire

TUCSON CITY COUNCIL WARDS	WARD 3		WARD 6		WARD 5
	ABOUD (D)	DUNBAR (R)	RONSTADT (R)	HARTMAN (D)	LEAL (D)
Question 1 Ensure full enforcement of the existing city ordinance that prohibits discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Question 2 Support the existing personnel benefits for Tucson Municipal employees that includes health and pension insurance for domestic partners	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Question 3 Support the existing Tucson Police Department diversity training policies	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Question 4 Advocate that the Tucson Fire Dept institutes diversity training policies and take strong action against employees that promote anti-gay hate	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Question 5 Support the work of the City of Tucson Commission on Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender Issues	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Question 6 Support provisions in the City Code ensuring safe distance between the entrances to women's clinics and protesters/demonstrators	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Question 7 As a matter of public policy, I will not advocate for the overturning of Roe versus Wade	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y

ENDORSEMENTS: Ward 3: Aboud (D)  
Ward 6: Ronstadt (R)  
Ward 5: Leal (D)

Note 1: (D) = Democrat (R) = Republican

Note 2: Questions 6 & 7 are asked for AHRF members, who desire full disclosure on a candidate's position on reproductive rights

Note 3: Produced by the AHRF Tucson board and staff

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## Feds Resist Wider WTC Family Definition

NEW YORK, NY- Much to the consternation and outrage of conservative groups in the U.S., leading national charities such as the American Red Cross are treating the partners of Gay and Lesbian victims of the Sept. 11 attack on the WTC similarly to married couples, USA Today reports.

In the wake of the worst terrorist attack in history, social policy experts say Congress and the courts ought to change or skirt marriage and adoption rules to recognize domestic partners and Gay parents.

"It's a tragedy that changes the landscape. Something in me balks at the notion that we're going to say, 'You are mourning and devastated, but you don't qualify for help,'" Jean Bethke Elstain, an ethics professor at the University of Chicago Divinity School told the paper.

"Erring on the side of inclusivity and generosity is much closer to Christian understanding of the human person than a cramped and narrowly legalistic approach."

But there are nevertheless powerful forces at work aimed at restricting federal assistance to only "recognized" partners and family members. Few expect John Ashcroft's Justice Department to side with inclusive rather than legal definitions.

A \$15 billion fund designed to bail out the devastated airline industry is also intended to serve as an alternative to civil lawsuits for "relatives" of those killed and injured by the attacks.

Without marriage licenses, birth certificates or co-parent adoption paperwork, Gay partners and parents have "no mechanism for establishing a legal relationship - and they will not be allowed to be compensated for their enormous losses," Jennifer Middleton of the Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund told USA Today.

Unless a partner is named in a will or another legal document, "they will be out of luck," airline litigation lawyer and expert Tom Demetrio told the paper. It's "just the same as if their loved one were hit by a train."

"Terrorism does not rewrite the rules," he added.

Not entirely, but the attacks have unquestionably changed how some people define family. "An incident like this makes it clear how important it is to treat everyone's grieving survivors with equanimity. I can't imagine that the American public will demand anything less," Middleton of Lambda said.

"Even if Congress tried to do absolutely the right thing by everyone, in states which have no civil union or marriage or a meaningful statewide registry of domestic partnership or co-parent adoption, it will be very difficult for anyone to be fully inclusive."

Franklin Bass, chairman of the New York State Bar Association aviation law section said he expects a strict reading of who is eligible for compensation. "You can name anyone in the will, but if you leave your [same-sex partner] everything, it can still be challenged in a court and tossed out the window." It all depends, he says, on state law.

"There will need to be changes in legislation, state by state and nationally," says Joe Grabarz of the Empire State Pride Agenda. "What a heterosexual couple takes for granted is routinely, by law, denied to Gay and Lesbian families, and the events of Sept. 11 will show this to be irrational."

He added, "Most people, even those who never thought about it before, will emotionally connect to this."

# AIDSWALK 2001



# HOROSCOPES

BY C. LICHTENSTEIN

The Sun dips a toe into watery Scorpio this week heralding in a time of introspection, strategy and perhaps a bit of passion. Channel your energies wisely, friends; It is time to plot your course and swim to success.

**ARIES**

**MARCH 21 - APRIL 20**

If the sexual steam bath gets too hot to handle, blame the flame on Sun in Scorpio which heats up your sex life. Lucky pink Rams become especially alluring (what a nice change of pace!) and can bag any quarry they set their sights on. But choose wisely compadre; the Scorpio energy is passionate but also possessive and jealous. You just can't love and leave 'em anymore.

**TAURUS**

**APRIL 21 - MAY 21**

Partnerships become the be all and end all for all Gay Taurans. As the Sun transits Scorpio, you realize how important it is to have a special someone with whom to share your hopes, dreams and toothbrush. If you are in a relationship, use the zesty Scorpio spark to electrify partners. Single Bulls know just where to look to find domestic bliss. So what are you waiting for bud?

**GEMINI**

**MAY 22 - JUNE 21**

The Sun in strategic Scorpio puts your best foot forward on the day to day job. Gay Twins feel in the pink and can manage to see the sunny side of even the greyest cubicle. Tackle any routine or detailed project now and get it out of the way. Soon, the Scorpio energy will divert your attention to diet and health related exercise. Bench press or squat thrust with a friend.

**CANCER**

**JUNE 22 - JULY 23**

Gay Crabs have a great time when the Sun enters Scorpio. Everything that you do that is creative or just plain fun is .... just plain fun. The secret to your success is to go with the inspirational flow and allow your Gay muse to take you on artistic rambles where you interact with wilde folks. Relax bubble; this marvelous energy only comes once a year. Sound familiar?

**LEO**

**JULY 24 - AUGUST 23**

Proud Lions are inspired to clean under the familial rug as the Sun wends through Scorpio. Do what needs to be done to clear the air and open the windows. For those Leos who have dumped their closets long ago, use this time to make needed changes around the house, whether it's renovation, redecoration or removal. How about dumping that wagon wheel coffee table?

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**VIRGO**

**AUGUST 24 - SEPTEMBER 23**

Your words speak volumes when the Sun steps into Scorpio. Queer Virgins can use the strategic, incisive Scorpio energy to hone their communication skills and get the manifesto Out. Don't waste time obsessing on trivialities, cousin; this is the time to set things in motion for the rest of the year. If not you, then who? If not now, then when? Hurry!

**LIBRA**

**SEPTEMBER 24 - OCTOBER 23**

Sun in Scorpio casts a greedy eye on all acquisitive Gay Libras with a taste for the fine life. (And that is just about all of them.) Suddenly you think that you can afford anything your heart desires. Don't make that mistake. This planetary placement is supposed to help you reevaluate your value system. Count your pennies and ascertain the worth. Then spend to the hilt!

**SCORPIO**

**OCTOBER 24 - NOVEMBER 22**

Sassy pink Scorps get a burst of energy when the Sun transits their own sign this week. You are pushed into center stage where you happily obliged the adoring crowd with a jaunty dance or two. New projects can be launched and fresh ideas planted in fertile soil. You can charm new acquaintances with your wit and finesse. Oh my! Have you got them fooled!

**SAGITTARIUS**

**NOVEMBER 23 - DECEMBER 22**

If a bright light is suddenly switched on in your closet, thank your lucky stars for the Sun in affirming Scorpio. Queer Archers are generally very honest and forthright folks. Now, any lingering secrets that are holding you back are released and stamped out. You may turn to spirituality or the occult in a quest for further enlightenment. Why not try your hand at palmistry?

**CAPRICORN**

**DECEMBER 23 - JANUARY 20**

Shy pink Capricorns find that the jolly Sun in Scorpio brings friends out of the woodwork. You are surrounded by good Gay cheer! Enjoy this convivial time by expanding your social circle; Join social groups, make it a point to meet new folks or get more involved in social activities. Who knows how many treats you will get this Halloween? Or do you prefer tricks?

**AQUARIUS**

**JANUARY 21 - FEBRUARY 19**

Sun in strategic Scorpio makes it a point to place you more in control of your career path. You are able to impress those in power and showcase your considerable skills. Aquarians should use this calculating energy to make their best moves and maneuver to the top of the corporate heap. Will you have to step on the backs of others to get there? Heck, that's half the fun!

**PISCES**

**FEBRUARY 20 - MARCH 20**

Guppies are tempted to travel when the Sun ambles into Scorpio. The urge to see the world or at least reach people on a more global level will have to be satisfied one way or another. If money or time is tight, try cruising the web for inspiration or exploring your neighborhood for exotic nightlife. Okay, how about renting a foreign movie and ordering in anchovy pizza?

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**EDITOR:**

I write this letter to the Gay community nationwide so it can sink in that we are at war again. Not like Vietnam but like WWII and we are on the home front lines and the enemy will use any means to obtain info that will help his cause and hurt ours at our expense.

"Lose lips sink ships" must be in place, our minds and who we run around with, this includes street people, bar flies and out of town visitors. No one is safe from black mail in the Gay world by our enemies to get info about what we know that will help their cause. I will discuss several of our local, so called friendly groups that we need to be aware of.

The good ole boys, our KKK bunch, and our Nazi superior brotherhood, all anti Jew, Arab supporters for the last 50 years.

Then our good labor buddies, the Communist Party - 15 million members strong with that many more female backers out of sight. The cause at any cost.

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The CMA Freedom Concert boys said it best, "It would be better to be dead on our feet, then alive on our knees."

So please, when you gather to "cat talk" or cruise or party, remember that God has entrusted this nation to your defense at home. Thirty-two million Gay people can make a difference in our freedom tomorrow, in this nation and the world, so don't carelessly give it away.

Stoney Burke,  
A Concerned American -

**Gay Hero**

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bit from Sept. 11."

Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., a supporter of "don't ask, don't tell," wants Bingham and other Flight 93 passengers to get a Congressional Gold Medal, Congress' highest civilian honor. Bingham, a Republican, had met McCain briefly and wanted to see him elected president.

"I may very well owe my life to Mark and the others," McCain said in a tearful eulogy.

Bingham is not the only Gay hero to emerge from the attacks. Nine others killed on Sept. 11 were remembered at a memorial attended by nearly 1,000 people at New York's Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual & Transgender Community Center.

Bingham's mother, Alice Hogland, said she hopes her son educated others by destroying preconceptions.

"He was a very masculine, crazy kid who left his dirty dishes under the bed and dirty clothes behind the door in the bathroom," she said, laughing. "There was nothing about him that fit into any stereotype of what we perceive of as a Gay person, which goes to show you we cannot rely on our stereotypes."

**TIHAN Volunteer  
Training Nov. 10**

TUCSON - TIHAN will be sponsoring a volunteer training on Saturday, November 10.

Parties interested in attending will need to attend a brief orientation session on Tuesday, October 30 & Wednesday, October 31 from 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. at St. Mark's Presbyterian Church at 3809 E. 3rd St. There will also be orientations at TIHAN office at 492 N Alvernon on Tuesday, November 6 at 1:00 - 3:30 p.m. and additionally 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. The training is from 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. on November 10, at St. Mark's.

Training cost is \$15.00. RSVP requested by calling TIHAN office, (520) 299-6647 or e-mailing todd@tihan.org.

**Opela Case Update**  
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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.

According to the documents, under A.A.C. R9-25-503, a person can not be certified as an EMT while on probation, and thus BEMS is requesting that his license, issued on January 31, 2000, a couple of weeks before the assault be revoked.

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.

For this hearing, according to the documents, Opela has the option of appearing with or without the assistance of counsel, and present testimony and argument in support of his position with respect to the charges against him.

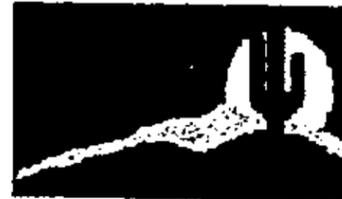
After the hearing, Bryant, according to the documents, will submit to the Director of the Department, a written recommendation including proposed findings of fact, conclusions of law, and a recommend order regarding disposition of the case. Opela could have his license revoked, suspended, fined or be cleared. If Opela's license is revoked, he will lose his job with the Tucson Fire Department since all persons employed as fire fighters must have a EMT certification.

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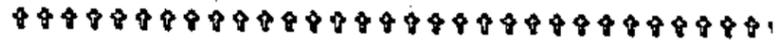
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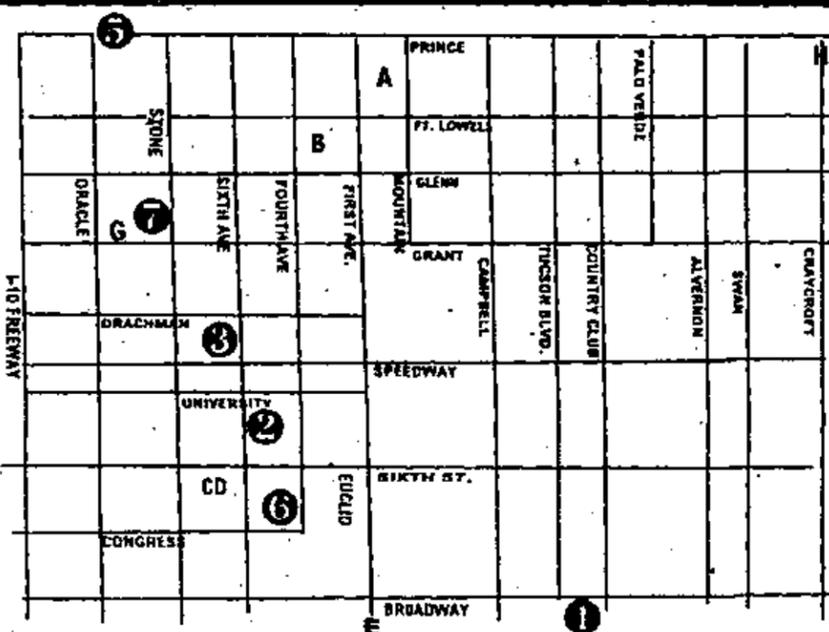
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**'The Arc Of Political Correctness'**

Although the phrase is new, or at least young, the concept of Political Correctness is ancient. It's had many names - propriety, decency, respectability, appropriateness. It shouldn't be confused with justice. Justice is a little too harsh and inflexible. The merchant of Venice demanded justice and was rebuffed by the quality of mercy, which was not strained but "droppeth as the gentle rain from heaven." And neither is PC strained. PC in short is what reputable people espouse in public. It's high above naked self-interest and a little short of justice. And it evolves

people think that sexual orientation is an important part of who you are and you should no more conceal it than you'd conceal any other essential and benign aspect of your personality. In fact you should celebrate it.

All of these changes in the thinking of reputable people have occurred in just the last 50 years. How could good solid reputable people have come so far in such a short time? The answer is that they were moved, jarred out of their complacency, expelled from the comforts of the old PC by disreputable people. That's the shocking reality: the social activists that challenge the PC of any era are disreputable. If you're old enough you might remember the last batch of them. They were hairy and smelly, soft and rather short, difficult to distinguish on the basis of gender. By the time they got the reputable people on board, the battles alluded to above were over.

Reputable people used to think that Martin Luther King was a "black agitator" whose untimely demands for racial justice would result in a backlash that would set his cause back instead of moving it forward. He was considered impatient, confrontational, self-serving and counter-productive. Today, reputable people not old enough to remember the old political correctness would be shocked to learn of its irreverence

If you find the current injustices of our society outrageous and overwhelming, you might conclude that we're suffering from a drastic shortage of disreputable people. The questions of where they all went and where can we find their replacements are vexing.

Reputable people used to think that women shouldn't compete in the marketplace against men. They thought that women should complement men instead of competing with them, that women were designed by temperament and sympathy to be the glue that held families together and that families were the glue that held society together. As such, the complementary role ordained for women was actually much more important than anything they could add to the marketplace. The PC of today says that women are first of all people, and that people should get to create the roles that suit their individual needs, not be assigned to some role that may be uncongenial just because of a gender assignment they didn't choose. If the new deference to individuality causes social problems, too bad.

A noted conservative named Bill Bennett wrote a book called "The Death Of Outrage". In it he may have unintentionally put his finger on the problem. The disreputable social activists that I've been honored and privileged to know have all had the capacity to get outraged. We may now have so much theatrical outrage - from the World Wrestling Federation to Jerry Springer - that the real thing, as Bennett claims, has quietly died

Reputable people used to think that if you were truly homosexual, if that were your true nature, you shouldn't be punished for it, but you definitely shouldn't "flaunt" it. Flaunting it made reputable people uncomfortable, even if they were familiar with classical literature and didn't believe that homosexuality was invented in San Francisco in 1950. Today, reputable

There's a guy in a California prison doing 25 years for stealing a piece of pizza. 60 MINUTES did a segment on him. He's not a very bright or very attractive guy. Gray Davis, Governor of California, came on the 60 MINUTES show to justify his state's outrageous behavior in this case. Davis looked perfectly reputable, except around the eyes. There was something fishy about the quivering skin right under his eyes. I wonder if Bill Bennett was outraged. I wonder where the disreputable folks all are.





Dear Dr. X:

What kind of self-respecting Lesbian am I? I think women's porn is lame - but Jeff Stryker and Gay male porn is so hot! Should I be worried that "womyn-centered" erotica does nothing for my libido?

Signed,  
Worried

Dear Worried:

I had no idea this was even an issue so I had to consult several Lesbian friends of mine and I found out that you are definitely not alone.

All the Lesbians I spoke with said the same thing. Most Lesbian porn is boring because they seem to be the same. They have waterfalls, Enya type music, and candles and are more romantic than the typical Gay male porn, which is all about hard-core sex. Porn is about what you consider to be erotic and sexy and can be an escape into things we may not necessarily do, but secretly wish we could. Seems like this is a great business venture for some

Lesbian out there to produce quality hard-core woman on woman sex videos. It seems like there is definitely a market out there for it.

Dear Dr. X:

Like the old saying goes "Two wrongs don't make a right." I have the problem of two tops not making a bottom. My boyfriend and I are both geared towards not getting it in the end. How can we keep sex interesting with this kind of limitation?

Signed,  
Bottomed Out!

Dear Bottomed Out:

Don't feel like you are lacking something just because neither of you wishes to be the receptive partner for anal intercourse. This is a common problem for Gay couples. Either both are bottoms or both are tops or at least one partner does not like to have anal sex.

First, consider that we may place too much importance on anal sex being the ultimate display of man-to-man sex. It all goes back to understanding and respecting a sex partner's boundaries.

With regards to options on keeping sex interesting, there are plenty. I almost always say start with porno videos. Watching them allows us to do something that society views as taboo, which is bound

to cause a little arousal. Next go to light S & M activities like tying each other up, feathers or spanking. You both have an opportunity to expand the sexual boundaries or your relationship.

If the problem always comes back to the question of anal sex, open up the discussion of a three-way. I'm sure you will have no problems finding a willing

bottom. Just remember to start small and work your way up. Don't ever feel like you are not reaching total intimacy without anal sex. It's only one of many ways two men can show each other love and intimacy.

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

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Playa's Play	16.0	26.0
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### SEASON ACHIEVEMENTS

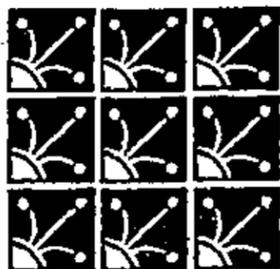
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## Non-Bar Calendar

Groups / Clubs / Organizations

### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 24

1. Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. Join us as we get out our monthly 10-page newsletter. It's simple, and you get a chance to meet new guys as we assemble the newsletter. The work goes quickly, and is usually done with 45 minutes. For reservations and directions, please call Jerry at 690-9565.

2. Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 8:00 p.m. Join us for the MSN Premiere of the "Just One Time", a funny comedy about a soon-to-be-married man who wants a threesome before marriage. His girlfriend has other ideas! For reservations and directions, please call Les at 690-9565.

### THURSDAY, OCTOBER 25

Join the Gay Men's Health Project (GMHP) present "Mr. Right vs. Mr. Wrong" (Sometimes you just can't tell the difference) at Wingspan for an honest and open discussion that looks at the perks and pitfalls of male relationships. 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., 300 E. 6th Street. A reception to follow. 624-1779 for more information.

Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. Join Bill and other MSN guys for an entertaining evening of melodrama at the Gaslight Theater. The play will be "Phantom of the Opera". For tickets, please call Bill at 546-7539.

### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 27

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

### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 28

Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 6:00 a.m. Join Curt for a moderate hike (3-5 miles). For more information, please contact Curt at 722-1842.

Tucson Prime Timers Brunch, 10:30 a.m. at Casa Molina Restaurant, 3001 N. Campbell, NW corner at Blackledge Rd. \$6.95 + tax and tip. Call Don S. at 622-1835 for reservations.

### MONDAY, OCTOBER 29

Tucson Prime Timers Lunch at the Wildcat House, 1801 N. Stone Ave. between Grant and Speedway.

### NOVEMBER 11 - 15 - 17

Desert Players Theatre presents "Nonsense A-Men!". Please note that Nonsense A-Men is the male version of "Nonsense" and is being done as a fund-raiser for the Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation (SAAF) and the Tucson Interfaith HIV/AIDS Network (TIHAN). The show, a musical comedy by Dan Goggin, follows the Little Sisters of Hoboken as they try to raise money to bury their fellow sisters who were accidentally poisoned by the convent cook Sister Julia (Child of God). The show is wacky and outrageous with an anything-goes sensibility. Cabaret Theatre at the Temple of Music and Art, 330 S. Scott. Nov. 11 and 15 at 8:00 p.m. and Nov. 17 at 2:00 p.m. Tickets are \$25.00 with all profits going to SAAF and TIHAN. Seating is limited. Tickets may be purchased at SAAF, 375 S. Euclid; TIHAN, 492 N. Avemont; Antigone Bookstore on 4th Ave., or by calling 733-1076. No refunds.

### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 18

The 13th Annual Jerome Beillard 'Festival for Life' to benefit the Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation. Marriott University Park Ballroom. Silent Auction 4:00 p.m. Live Auction at 5:00 p.m. The event features fine art from locally and nationally recognized artists, designer holiday trees, wreaths and menorahs, unique gift items, celebrity collectibles and Paper Prayers. Tickets are \$30 in advance, \$35 at the door. For more information call SAAF at 628-7223.

### NOW PLAYING THRU NOV. 3

Arizona Theatre company presents "Ghosts" by Henrik Ibsen. This is Ibsen's shocking family drama about a mother's love, a father's secret sins and their son's terrible legacy. Temple of Music and Art, 330 S. Scott Ave. 622-2823.

### NOW PLAYING THRU NOV. 4

Arizona Repertory Theatre at the UofA, presents "Rain Some Fish, No Elephants" by Y. York. In this Kaufman and Hart-like screwball comedy that's an absurd cross between a 1950s sitcom and a post-apocalyptic utopia, join one unique family as they work together to save mankind. UA Laboratory Theatre, Tickets 621-1162. \$19, Sr. \$17, St. \$12.

### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 26

At the Casino Del Sol in the new Anselmo Valencia Tori Amphitheater in concert, Styxx. For tickets and information call Ticketmaster 321-1000.

### TUESDAY, OCTOBER 30

"City Tour".....Canadian singer Jane Siberry is making her first Tucson appearance in support of her new album "City". After recording for many years on major record labels, Jane now records on her own label, Sheeba Records. Her song, "Calling All Angels" was recently featured on the "Pay It Forward" soundtrack. Ms. Siberry will be performing new songs and old favorites. The performance takes place at the Berger Performing Arts Center, 1200 West Speedway and begins at 8:00 p.m. Tickets are \$18 in advance or \$20 at the door. To charge tickets and for information call (520)529-4946. Ticket outlets include Antigone Books, 411 N. 4th Ave.; City Home Furnishings, 5420 E. Broadway; Hear's Music, 2508 N. Campbell and Tucson Trunk, 5575 E. River.

### NOVEMBER 8 - 11

The Garry Winogrand Game of Photography "The Symposium". The exhibition runs in two parts. Part I now thru November 9. Part 2 Nov. 11 thru Jan. 6, 2002. The symposium in the second week in November re-examines one of photography's most obsessive and legendary image-makers, Winogrand's exhibitions, featuring more than 300 prints from the UA Center for Creative Photography's archives. The symposium includes a special evening projection of selections from Winogrand's rarely-seen color photography, with original music composed by Ethan Winogrand. There will be distinguished speakers during the symposium Call 621-7968 for complete information and times.

## BAR CALENDAR

### OF UPCOMING EVENTS

### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 24

IBT's - 8:00p.m. "TheGirle Show" and Lucinda's 29th Birthday Party!!! Hosted by Lucinda Holiday and starring from Phoenix, Phaedra with Janee Starr and Stella Virgin.

### THURSDAY, OCTOBER 25

IBT's - Starting tonight and every Thursday it's Retro 80s Dance music. Plus \$1.00 pints of Bud or Bud light.

### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 28

IBT's - Party line-up includes Jeff's Bloody Mary Recovery Bar from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Karaoke with Billy Dee on the patio from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. Benefit Bar-B-Que / Beer Bust from 5:30 to 8:00 p.m. This week's proceeds go to PFLAG. Then at 8:30 a Special Halloween Girle Show, hosted by Lucinda Holiday and starring Aija Simone, Foxy and Samantha White.

### WEDNESDAY, OCT. 31 - HALLOWEEN

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - Costume Contest. \$200 first prize; 2nd prize \$100; 3rd prize \$50. 2-4-1 Jello Shots (White they last). DJ Hill 10:30 to closing. Sign up by 10:00 p.m. No Cover.

IBT's - The 9th annual Halloween Black and White Ball. Don't miss this great event. \$150 first place for best Black and White costume. \$100 first place prize for best non-black and white costume; \$50 for 2nd place and \$25 for 3rd. Mark your calendars and find a costume!

VENTURE-N - Halloween Party with prizes for best costumes.

WOODY'S - Special Halloween "Erotic Ball" Party with "Johnny DJ" your human juke box playing Retro 80s music and your requests. Also a Halloween Costume Contest at 11:00 p.m. \$75 for the most outrageous (legal) costume. The audience selects the winner.

YARD DOG - Halloween Contest begins at 10:00 p.m. Contestants will be judged on Best in Theme, Presentation, Originality and Creativity. 1st prize \$100; 2nd prize \$50; 3rd prize \$25.

### THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 1

IBT's - From now on, every Thursday is Retro 80s Dance music. Plus \$1.00 pints of Bud or Bud light.

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## The Arts

## Daily Bar Calendar

NOTE: Bar owners or managers are responsible for keeping this standard listing up to date. Check with the bartender to be sure the specials listed are actually available.

### Sunday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - Beer Bust 5-10, \$1.25 pitchers. Latin Music with DJ Hill 8:30 to close. Shot specials all night.

IBT's - 8am-4pm \$2.00 domestic beer and well. \$1.75 well & domestic beer 4-9pm. Benefit B-B-Q and Beer Bust for community organizations 4:30-7pm. Karaoke with Billy Dee on the patio 4:30-7:30. Hi energy dancing 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 sirloin burger or chicken 5-9pm. Karaoke with Billy Dee 9pm

YARD DOG - Open Sundays 10am - 1am. Bloody Marys or Screwdrivers \$1.75 from 10am - 1pm. 50¢ off any Rum 1pm-7pm. Kennel open daily at 5pm.

### Monday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - Happy Hour Two-For-One 2-7. Football Madness \$1.75 Miller specials 8to close+Touchdown specials.

IBT's - 8am-4pm, \$2.00 domestic beer and well. Happy Hour \$1.75 well and domestic beer 4-7pm. 7-9pm \$1.50 well and domestic. 9pm to close. "Uncle Muntie" Happy Hour prices for those in their undies. Plus, small pitchers Bud/Bud Light \$1.50. DJ Reynman plays house music 9pm to close. All drink specials not available during special events.

VENTURE-N - Open 6am. Patio open 5pm. Daily specials til 7pm.

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

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

### Tuesday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BUSINESS - Happy Hour Two-For-One 2-7pm. Pool touney 7:30pm. \$3 entry, pot matched. \$1.50 longnecks for pool players. \$2 Pitchers Bud & Bud Light. 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. \$3.50 Zombies or Jungle Juice

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

### Wednesday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BUSINESS - Happy Hour 2-4-1 from 2-7. College Nite. Dance Music with DJs 9pm-close. \$1.75 Buds or \$2 Kamikazees 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. Underwear Wednesday: 9 to close Happy Hour Prices for those in their undies. Patio bar open 7pm-Midnight.

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

### Thursday

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

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 Ase drinks. Top score on NTN per game wins special prizes. Volleyball Court is Open. See bartender. Patio Bar Open 7pm to midnight.

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

### Friday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BUSINESS - Happy Hour Two-For-One 2-7. Free food at 5:30pm. Dance music 6:30-1 w/DJ Hill. Drink specials all night.

IBT's - 8am-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

AIN'T NOBODY'S BUSINESS - Open at 2pm. Pool Tournament 6:30pm \$3 entry. Pot matched. \$2 pitchers for pool players. Dance music w/DJ Hill 8:30-close.

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 & fish Fry 5-9pm Filet Mignon or Swordfish with trimmings & roll \$5.00 plus Jazz on the patio 6-9 with Susan Artanis and Tracy York.

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**

**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 at 686-5541

**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. Ellis 581-8550 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 624-6768.

**T-SQUARES** Lesbian and Gay square dance club meets every Tuesday from 8:30-9:00 p.m. at Cornerstone Fellowship Social Hall, 2902 N. Geronimo (near 1st Ave. and Laguna). Open to All. Call Liz at 325-9468 or Ray at 749-5247.

**LIGHTNING LIGHTING** will provide lighting for AIDS and related benefits at no charge. For more info call Adrienne at 859-7299.

**COME EXPLORE YOUR SPIRITUALITY!** St. Philip's in the Hills Episcopal Church offers a variety of Gay and Lesbian groups and services for the spiritually minded. Come meet the Priestly! For more information call Debbie 579-9627 or David 323-7943.

**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. 6th Ave. Call 781-9882.

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, 3269 N. Mountain. All alcoholics welcome.

**MEN'S SOCIAL NETWORK:** Social organization for men of all ages. Building an extended Gay family in Tucson. Monthly social potluck gatherings the first Saturday of each month and almost weekly social activities. Call Jerry at 690-9585 for information and a newsletter. Check the Non-Bar Calendar in the Observer.

**CARE TEAMS ARE AVAILABLE** to offer support to people living with HIV/AIDS. The Tucson Interfaith HIV/AIDS Network offers trained, compassionate and committed volunteers to provide services including friendly visits, light housekeeping, assistance with meals, shopping, errands, transportation and companionship for medical appointments, and respite care for primary care givers. No judgement or proselytizing - we are here to be of service. For information call Scott at 299-6847.

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

**ARE YOU GAY OR BISEXUAL AND UNDER 21 YEARS OF AGE?** The Gay Young Men's Project is now looking for volunteers for the project. We need people who want to help create a positive social change for young Gay men as well as reduce the risk for HIV infection. For more information please call 629-7223.

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

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

**TUCSON LESBIAN/GAY ALLIANCE (TLGA)** meets on the second Tuesday at Wingspan, 300 E. 8th 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 8 weeks. 694-7063.

**TUCSON GREATER SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION.** Interested? Call Kelly Quinn, (520)742-7695 or go to our web site <http://www.tgsasoftball.org>

**TUCSON INTERFAITH HIV/AIDS NETWORK (THAN)**, a coalition of faith communities committed to a compassionate response to HIV/AIDS, provides HIV education in congregational settings, volunteer CareTeams to support HIV+ persons, a referral network of HIV-sensitive clergy, and interfaith services of healing and hope. For more information call 299-6847.

**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 Barn 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. 828-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 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of each month from 9:30 to 11am. Alternate Saturdays the group meets for social activities. For info call Dorian Easty, facilitator. 882-7723

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**NOTICES**

**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 38254, Tucson, AZ 85740-8264. All replies confidential.

**TUCSON GLBT AL-ANON GROUP** meets Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. at Wingspan, 300 E. 8<sup>th</sup> Street. Call 624-1779 for more information.

**YOUNG AND GAY?**

**GLBT Youth 23 and under**, meet every Saturday in Tucson for sharing, support and information. Meetings are held at 300 E. 8th 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 - 326-AIDS.** Hours M-F, 9:00 am to 10:00 pm. Information, counseling, HIV-related services, Tucson.

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

**TGNArizona:** The central source for news and information for, by and about the TS, TG, and Gender-variant communities of Arizona. Website URL: <http://www.tgnarizona.org> - e-mail address: [algoodrum@uswest.net](mailto:algoodrum@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. 8<sup>th</sup> St.

**LESBIAN/GAY/BI-SEXUAL OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS.** Saturdays 1 to 2pm new location Wingspan, 300 E. 8<sup>th</sup> St. Contacts 325-6678 or 327-4293.

**ANONYMOUS HIV COUNSELING AND TESTING** is available through the Pima County Health Department at sites throughout Tucson. Very Gay Friendly. For more information or to make an appointment call 791-7678.

**GRACE GROUP - CATHOLIC GAY/LESBIAN SUPPORT GROUP** meets every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Monday at 7:30 pm in the Madonna Hall at Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Church, 1439 N. Campbell across from University Hospital. For more info. Call Emie 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 Thursday at different locations. For more information about SMART, contact Jennifer at 792-4807, Ext.398

**AZdykes** is a new email list for Lesbians living in Arizona. For information mail [tyang@theriver.com](mailto:tyang@theriver.com) and request guidelines.

**OUTLOUD!** Tucson's premiere Local Lesbian and Gay Radio Show, broadcast every Wednesday at 6:03 pm on 91.9 FM, Community Radio KXCL. The show "This Way Out", a nationally syndicated Lesbian and Gay radio show is aired at 5:30 pm every Wednesday.

**THEATER / DINNER / ETCI Non-Smoking Lesbian Network** meets every 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday night of each month. If you'd like to meet women 35+ (flexible) and socialize in a smoke-free environment 688-8010 before 10:00 p.m. The group dines out and attends shows or movies. Now in their 18<sup>th</sup> year! (2<sup>nd</sup> in Tucson).

**SOUTHERN ARIZONA GENDER ALLIANCE (SAGA).** Meetings on the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday, 7pm. Desert Girlz (MTF) Meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday at 7pm. Desert Boyz meets 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday at 7pm. of every month. All meetings take place at Wingspan, 300 E. 8<sup>th</sup> St. Call 624-1779 for more info. [SAGAE@mail@aol.com](mailto: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.

**GAY OR BISEXUAL MEN** in relationships with women. Need friends you can talk to? Weekly support group meets Wednesdays 8:30 - 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. 8th St., offers support groups / info line / social events / library / meeting space. Volunteer Opportunities. Board meetings every 2nd Thursday (open to all), 8:00 p.m. Information 624-1779.

**SUPPORT GROUP:** Gays, Lesbians and Bisexuals meet weekly for open discussions in a loving, supportive atmosphere. Meetings Thursdays from 7:30 to 9:30 pm at St. Francis in the foothills Church, Swan and River Road, Room 43. For more information call the church at 299-9063 and ask for a contact person.

**HIKE & BIKE DYKES.** Meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday at 7pm. Call 327-7238 for info.

**NOTICES**

**ARIZONA AIDS POLICY ALLIANCE (AZAPA)** seeks to educate legislators and citizens about AIDS policy. For more information write AZAPA, 8523 N. 14<sup>th</sup> 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 Minto 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](http://AAPSP.org) or e-mail: [AAPSP@aol.com](mailto:AAPSP@aol.com) or call Dave (520)745-9059 (Tucson) or Kim (602)534-6219 (Phoenix)

**GLEN - Gay, Lesbian and Straight Education Network** meets first Thursday of every month at 4:30pm at Wingspan, 300 E. 8<sup>th</sup> Street. 743-4800.

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

**SAA (Sex Addicts Anonymous)** has 5 meetings a week in Tucson. People who wish to stop their compulsive sexual behavior, please call (520)570-1225 for current information.

**LUTHERANS CONCERNED** - Tucson chapter for Gay/Lesbian Lutherans meets 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday, 6:30 p.m. each month at Santa Cruz Lutheran Church, 8809 S. Cardinal Ave. For information visit [www.lctucson.org](http://www.lctucson.org) write: LC, 7014 E. Golf Links Road, PMB 212, Tucson, AZ 85730.

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

**GREATER PHOENIX GAY & LESBIAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE (GPGCC) P.O. BOX 2097, Phoenix, AZ 85001-2097.** E-mail: [webmaster@gpgcc.org](mailto:webmaster@gpgcc.org) or call (602)225-8444.

**SOURCES UNLIMITED,** a Lesbian & Gay referral service. Business and individual listings are free of charge. All information available to anyone just simply by asking. 322-5655. Leave message.

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

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

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