

## The Year 2001 In Review - Good & Bad!

### The Old Pueblo - 2001: A Community Odessey?

TUCSON (ON) - As the year of this nation's bicentennial in 1976 came to a close, Tucson's Gay and Lesbian community was united with a strong voice.

During this same time (the end of December) twenty-five years ago, the Gay, Lesbian, and straight-supportive communities were campaigning to have the Tucson City Council adopt an ordinance protecting the rights of Gay and Lesbian Tucsonans.

This effort came after the murder of an openly Gay college student, outside a Gay bar in the city, for which the three perpetrators received probation, because as the judge put it, "boys will be boys." On February 14, 1977, a Republican controlled Tucson City Council approved the city's anti discrimination (human relations) ordinance, making the Old Pueblo one of the first cities in the nation to have laws protecting the rights of Gays and Lesbians in employment, housing and public accommodations.

As the first year of the twenty-first century, a new millennium comes to an end, the question has arisen whether the Tucson Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender (GLBT) populace can still be described as a "united community with a strong voice" or as even less of that phrase, a community, or having any voice what so ever.

In the past year for the GLBT Old Pueblo:

▼ Arizona's archaic laws, dealing with sodomy and cohabitation were finally repealed, lifting the potential "sword of discrimination," from Tucson's Gay and Lesbian citizens;

▼ an openly Gay man from Tucson was sworn in as a member of the Arizona House of Representatives, giving Tucson's GLBT populace a real voice from the area;

▼ a new GLBT and questioning youth center opened up;

▼ OUToberFEST raised even more for GLBT non-profit groups;

▼ Gay West and the AIDS Walk were held;

▼ an Interfaith HIV/AIDS organization came of age;

▼ a more conservative majority took hold of the Tucson City Council;

▼ a man who had stabbed a Gay U of A student was put away, at a mental institution;

▼ a day of remembrance for Transgendered victims of violent crime was held;

▼ a memorial was held for those Tucsonans who lost their battle with AIDS, and;

▼ the second annual Tucson pride parade took place, thanks to efforts of the Lesbian Avengers, who led the organizing effort and the march went off, with more than thousand GLBT and straight supportive Tucsonans participating by taking to the streets in June.

In 2001, a downturn in the participation of the GLBT populace in the AIDS Walk, Gay West, the AIDS memorial, and more people along the march route than participating, raises troubling questions about Tucson's GLBT populace: Was it the state of the economy, what happened on September 11, or worse, was it apathy? Especially since everything had been accomplished a generation or so ago and their lives aren't affected since Tucson's GLBT populace "has it so well."

Events that took place in July and November, could lead one to the answer that the populace is taking things for granted.

In July, an off-duty Tucson Fire Fighter was convicted of assaulting a Gay man outside a restaurant in February, 2000. Since Arizona's hate crime's law covers only felonies, the Tucson Fire Fighter was found guilty of misdemeanor assault, and given a slap on the wrist for a sentence by Justice of the Peace, Susan Bacal, who is up for re-election in 2002.

The City of Tucson GLBT Commission launched a probe the incident, resulting in an independent investigation by the City government, which showed the actions, or lack thereof, taken by the former and the actions and statements current Tucson Fire Department chiefs were questionable, possibly violating city policy and state law.

Those brave individuals serving on the commission continued the probe, despite the roadblocks put up by the city attorney and city manager's offices, and the apathy shown by the GLBT populace about the incident and whether the Tucson Fire Department can be trusted again to serve, protect and save the lives of the GLBT citizens of the Old Pueblo.

Has the Tucson Mayor and Council heard, "loud and clear," from the GLBT populace as they did when a Gay U of A student was stabbed in front of a coffee-

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### GLBT 2001: Nationally

WASHINGTON (ON) - As the first year of the twenty-first century has closed, here is a look back at the events that took place across the country:

The FBI releases, in February, the 1999 hate-crime statistics that appear to undercount anti-Gay hate crimes. Citing intentional and unintentional under-reporting by local law enforcement officials, the National Coalition of Anti-violence Programs notes that anti-violence projects across the country reported 38 percent more anti-Gay hate crimes. NCAVP calls for hate crimes legislation that would compel local law enforcement to report all hate crimes to the FBI.

In April, an Arkansas state court overturns the state's anti-Gay sodomy law in response to a challenge filed by plaintiffs represented by Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund. The state appeals the decision. The Texas court of appeals upholds the state's sodomy law and reinstates the conviction of two Houston men prosecuted for having sex in the privacy of one man's home. By a 9-2 board of supervisors vote, San Francisco becomes the first city in the country to institute a benefits package for city and county employees that removes healthcare exclusions for Transgender and transsexual workers.

Human Rights Watch, known for its international efforts against human rights abuses, releases a comprehensive study in May, revealing that as many as 2-million Gay teenagers are subjected to harassment and bullying, and that school officials often refuse to address and sometimes actively encourage the abuse.

Columbia University researcher Robert Spitzer releases a study claiming that "some" "highly motivated" Gays and Lesbians can go straight. When academics and LGBT organizations examine the study, they discover fatal methodological flaws, including a non-representative sample, a biased hypothesis, unreliable information-gathering techniques, and solicitation of subjects from known anti-Gay organizations. The study's conclusions, initially sensationalized by the media, are quickly and roundly dismissed as unscientific, unfounded and irrelevant.

The Tennessee Supreme Court rules in favor of a woman whose ex-husband attempted to bar her partner from being in the same house with the divorced couple's children.

The one-year anniversary of the U.S. Supreme Court's decision in *Boy Scouts of America v. Dale* is marked in June by increasing public backlash and widespread calls (including from key Scout leaders) to overturn its discriminatory policy. Former Eagle Scout James Dale is quoted as saying, "The Scouts may have

won at the Supreme Court, but their victory is being overturned in the court of public opinion."

A Gallup poll reveals increasing acceptance of Gay and Lesbian Americans, including 80 percent agreement that Gays and Lesbians should be protected by employment anti-discrimination law and a steadily narrowing gap on the issue of equal marriage rights (44% favor, 52% oppose; up from 42%/54% the previous year).

The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) votes 317-208 to recommend lifting the church's ban on ordination of Lesbian and Gay ministers, elders and deacons. The decision by the nation's sixth-largest Protestant denomination must be ratified by a majority of the church's 173 local presbyteries over the next year.

U.S. Surgeon General David Satcher calls for a "mature and thoughtful discussion about sexuality" in his "Call to Action to Promote Sexual Health and Responsible Behavior." The groundbreaking report directly addresses a number of issues related to the Gay community, including the inefficacy of so-called "reparative therapy" and the damaging impact of harassment on the mental health of Gays and Lesbians.

"A heated battle erupts over whether the International Gay and Lesbian Human Rights Commission (IGLHRC) will be permitted to address the U.N. General Assembly Special Session on HIV/AIDS. IGLHRC AIDS program director Karyn Kaplan eventually addresses the assembly over the objections of a largely Islamic bloc of delegates, but those delegates are successful in removing language from the final conference declaration that identified Gay and Bisexual men as particularly vulnerable groups."

Openly Gay, Transgender, Two-Spirit youth Fred Martinez, Jr., is brutally murdered in Cortez, Colo. PFLAG and GLAAD join local community leaders in Cortez to support Martinez's family and work with local, regional and national media in covering the investigation. The trial of Shaun Murphy - accused of Martinez's murder and who bragged to friends about how he had "beat up a fag" - is set to begin in February 2002.

Community groups successfully demand the reinstatement of a Bronx Lesbian and Gay Health Consortium ad that was removed by Infinity Outdoor with the support of the New York City Department of Transportation. The ad - featuring two Latino men and the tag line, "I'm not Gay but sometimes I have sex with guys. People don't understand" - is designed to educate men who have sex with men about health

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# UPDATE

## The Old Pueblo - 2001:

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house on Fourth Avenue? The answer is no, since the city council hasn't dealt with the matter, for which they have done so in the past, when other groups of citizens have been affected by the negative actions of those employed by the city government.

In November, the City of Tucson held elections for three Council seats, for which the balance of power for Tucson's government was up for grabs.

Tucson's GLBT populace had a lot riding on this election: the GLBT Commission; an open Lesbian Council candidate; possible resumption of funding for the Boy Scouts, and; funding for a new GLBT community center building and for programs dealing with HIV/AIDS.

The turnout in Wards 1, 3 and 5, and the western portion of Ward 6, where most of Tucson's GLBT populace resides, was way below the city average, thus giving the conservatives who focused on the east-side Wards 2 and 4, plus the eastern portion of Ward 6, which gave them the victory, especially with early voting, resulting in a questionable Mayor and Council on GLBT issues. So was the Tucson GLBT populace "loud and clear" on this too. This answer is no and now everything that had been accomplished could be repealed, if Tucson's Mayor and Council please, since the GLBT populace didn't speak with any voice at the ballot box in the November general election.

Can the Tucson GLBT populace bear the burden of blame solely, or perhaps Tucson GLBT groups should have their fair share as well, since their collective actions seemed to reflect being more concerned about raising funds, protecting their income tax status, getting their names in the news media, or getting public funding from government rather than representing, and speaking out for Tucson's GLBT populace on issues of concern. Are they really focused, do they care, or are they just self-centered? More troubling questions arise from the events and actions, or lack thereof, in this past year.

Tucson and the rest of the world marked the end of the first year of the new millennium, with celebrations and resolutions. Hopefully Tucson's GLBT populace and groups will resolve to live up to those expectations set down a generation ago by the 1976 Tucson Lesbian and Gay community, who worked to guarantee their rights in employment, public accommodations and housing in the city, and to make sure future generations are afforded those and other rights by working for them, as a community, and not taking things for granted as it seemed during the past year.

## Wingspan Seeking Volunteers

TUCSON - Is your New Year's resolution to make a difference, and have fun doing it? Wingspan, Southern Arizona's Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Community Center, is looking for fabulous, compassionate, smart people (just like you) to volunteer for our Information Referral Service, Domestic Violence Project Hotline, Youth Services, Library, Senior Companion Program, Facilities Maintenance, the newly-opened David Bohnett CyberCenter - and so much more!

Volunteer opportunities are open to people of any sexual orientation and gender identity. People of color, bilingual speakers, youth (18-23), seniors, people living with AIDS, people with disabilities, sign language interpreters, and people with computer skills are encouraged to volunteer.

So be a part of something larger! Learn new skills! Make new friends! Feel even better about yourself! You deserve it!

Training sessions begin January 12, but volunteer opportunities are ongoing! For more information and application, please contact Mark English, Volunteer Coordinator, (520) 624-1779 or volcoord@wingspanaz.org.

## TIHAN Training Sessions To Be Held

TUCSON - The Tucson Interfaith HIV/AIDS Network (TIHAN) will be conducting a volunteer training session on Saturday, February 9, 2002 at Grace St. Paul's Episcopal Church (2331 E. Adams).

There are four orientation times set for your convenience; one orientation must be made before training. The orientation dates and times are: Monday, February 4 at Grace St. Paul's 2 - 3:30 p.m. & 7 - 8:30 p.m. Orientations at the TIHAN office (492 N Alvernon) are Tuesday, February 5 & Wednesday, February 6, both from 7 - 8:30 p.m. The cost for training is \$15.00 which covers lunch and materials, scholarships are available upon request.

Volunteer staff give social, emotional, and practical help to those infected and affected by HIV/AIDS. Volunteer staff are needed for CareTeams, Poz Programs, Educational forums, and community outreach. Come and join us in being a part of the solution in an effort to educate faith communities about HIV/AIDS. For more information on volunteer opportunities, please call the TIHAN office, (520) 299-6647, and ask for Todd.

## GLBT Commission Reception, Jan. 7

TUCSON - The City of Tucson Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender Commission - Outreach Subcommittee cordially invites all to a New Year's reception, Monday, January 7, 2002, 4:30 to 6:30 p.m., 325 West Franklin Street, (between Main and Granada).

Commission members will be present to discuss plans and activities for the New Year, and to recap the accomplishments and activities of the Commission during 2001.

For more information, call Nancy Robinett, (520) 670-9500, or Steven Baker, (520) 388-5650.

## AHRF Lobby Day January 28

PHOENIX - Do you believe that Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgender (GLBT) people should have equal rights in Arizona? Do you want to meet your Arizona legislators and talk with them about issues that are important to you? Do you want to ensure that GLBT Arizonans are treated fairly in the workplace? If so, then you'll want to participate in the fourth annual Lobby Day on Monday, January 28, 2002 sponsored by the Arizona Human Rights Fund (AHRF).

The goals of Lobby Day are to educate Arizona legislators about Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender issues, to advocate for the passage of the Employment Non-Discrimination Act (ENDA) during the 2002 Arizona Legislative session, to empower GLBT citizens to participate in the political process, and to introduce GLBT citizens to their elected representatives and vice versa.

AHRF 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. Each year AHRF selects an issue to address with the Arizona legislature. This year, AHRF's legislative agenda is passage of ENDA, which would bar employment discrimination against GLBT people in Arizona.

Lobby Day is a critical part of AHRF's strategy to pass ENDA and to educate Arizona legislators about GLBT issues. It is a personal connection with GLBT citizens that will persuade Arizona legislators to pass GLBT-friendly legislation, including ENDA.

To prepare volunteers for Lobby Day, AHRF will hold a Citizen Lobbyist Training Day on Saturday, January 19, 2002 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Tucson-Pima Main Public Library, 101 N. Stone Ave., Tucson. The goal of this training is to inform citizen lobbyists about the legislative process, train citizen lobbyists how to effectively lobby their legislators, and educate citizen lobbyists about ENDA. AHRF strongly encourages all citizen lobbyists to attend this free training.

You can register for Lobby Day and the Citizen Lobbyist Training by contacting the Southern Arizona AHRF office at (520) 990-5162 or saz@ahrf.org. You can also obtain a lobby day registration form from the AHRF website at www.ahrf.org.



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Oklahoma City changes city policy regarding placement of light pole banners after the Cimarron Alliance Foundation flies a series of banners (in compliance with city permits) celebrating Pride Month. City leaders, who took down and then quickly reinstated the banners in June after the foundation threatened a lawsuit, use the new policy to deny the group the ability to fly banners celebrating Gay & Lesbian History Month in October. The foundation files a lawsuit arguing the city's new policy amounts to viewpoint discrimination and violates the group's free speech rights.

A Pride Month exhibit at the Z.J. Loussac Public Library in Anchorage, Alaska, is reopened in July, after a federal judge overrules the city's attempts to censor the educational collection. The controversy sparks extensive media attention and prompts debate in other cities.

Rhode Island becomes the second state (after Minnesota) in the U.S. to protect Transgender people from discrimination.

A San Francisco court rules that Sharon Smith (represented by, among others, the National Center for Lesbian Rights) can proceed to trial in her wrongful

death lawsuit against Marjorie Knoller, Robert Noel and others. Smith's partner, Diane Whipple was killed on Jan. 26 after being attacked by dogs owned by Knoller and Noel. The judge in the case rules that because same-sex couples cannot marry in California, limiting the right to sue to heterosexual spouses only violates the Equal Protection Clause of the California Constitution.

The U.S. Census Bureau reports in August that 601,209 same-sex, unmarried partner households were counted in the 2000 Census, a 314 percent increase over 1990. The numbers show same-sex couples in 99.3 percent of U.S. counties, but do not count single LGBT people, those not in cohabitating relationships, and those not comfortable disclosing their sexual orientation on the Census form. The National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, which launched a public education campaign in 2000 to encourage LGB couples to be counted in the Census, praises the bureau's improved counting methodology and notes that only 22 counties nationwide reported no same-sex couples.

South Dakota Gov. Bill Jankow dodges a federal lawsuit by reversing his decision to prohibit a highway sign recognizing the Sioux Empire Gay and Lesbian Coalition's participation in the state's Adopt-a-Highway program. However, Jankow also announces that effective 2002, no groups that participate may have their names listed on the program's highway signs.

A federal judge upholds Florida's discriminatory ban on Lesbian and Gay adoptions, although the judge also rejects the notion that the state's disapproval of

homosexuality is valid grounds for banning Gay adoptions.

The FBI's Uniform Crime Reports for 2000, released in October, show a 0.9 percent increase in anti-Gay hate crimes and again show that hate crimes based on sexual orientation constitute the third highest category, following only race and religion.

California Gov. Gray Davis signs one of the nation's most comprehensive domestic partner bills into law, although Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund notes that the law still falls short by not addressing issues such as inheritance, community property laws, and access to family courts if a relationship ends.

The Kaiser Family Foundation releases a comprehensive report, in November, on two national public opinion surveys examining Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual lives and issues - and the general public's evolving attitudes toward both. The report shows that 73% of the general public knows somebody who is Gay, and clear majorities support anti-discrimination laws; hate crime laws, equal inheritance rights, equal

The Salvation Army abruptly withdraws domestic partner benefits from its Western Territory's Lesbian and Gay employees - benefits that had been extended to them by the Western Territory less than two weeks earlier. This decision, prompted by protests from anti-Gay organizations, results in a nationwide Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG) protest where members drop notes into Salvation Army kettles to express concern over the Army's increasingly public embrace of anti-Gay discrimination.

LGBT communities win five local ballot initiatives regarding anti-discrimination and domestic partner ordinances in Michigan and Florida, but lose a vote to block an anti-Gay city charter amendment in Houston, Texas.

Maryland becomes the 12th state to ban discrimination against Gays and Lesbians in housing, employment and public accommodations. The proposed referendum on the law by is withdrawn after more than 7,000 signatures collected by anti-Gay activists are deemed invalid

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Steve May  
1700 West Washington  
Phoenix, Arizona, 85007

Dear Steve:

Your letter, soliciting people to contribute to the Arizona School Choice Trust by applying for a tax credit, is to my thinking, not a very good idea. It is a noble idea to help Gay and Lesbian students by aiding them to get into a "safe" school of their choice. Yet, for every Gay/Lesbian student's parents that apply for such public funds, there would be ten times or twenty times or more parents of non-Gay/Lesbian students applying for money from the same fund so that their children could attend religion based schools. Some, if not many, religion based schools are notorious for being intolerant towards religions other than their own and especially to homosexuality, homosexuals and those perceived to be homosexual.

I think that you, as a Gay man, ought to be able to see the implications of supporting such private and alternative schools. I think you should concentrate on making the public schools of our state a safe and productive educational experience for every student, Gay or straight, rather than isolating Gay students. You know more than most Gay people about the struggle to fit into an unwelcoming group. Would you encourage the U.S. Army to set up "special Gay friendly units"? I think not. Our military must eventually see past sexual orientation as to who serves and Arizona's public schools must provide safe and excellent education for every student... and I mean EVERY student.

To me, the Arizona School Choice Trust is a somewhat transparent means of weakening our public school system and is promoted by certain conservative elements in the legislature. The conservative/religious based schools' agenda will just go on producing new generations of intolerant and homophobic citizens.

Steve, I urge you to rethink your support of the Arizona School Choice Trust.

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## 'Kiss Of The Spider Woman' In Tucson Jan. 10-27

TUCSON - Borderlands Theater, in association with the Miracle Theatre Group of Portland, Oregon, presents Manuel Puig's compelling play "The Kiss of the Spider Woman," January 10 through 27 at ZUZU Little Theatre, 738 N. 5th Avenue. The fourth presentation in the Borderlands 2001-2002 season, "The Kiss of the Spider Woman" marks the return of award-winning actor Andres Alcalá in a poignant story that is also known as an acclaimed novel, feature film and Broadway musical. Tickets are available at Antigone Books, the Borderlands Theater office and by phone at (520) 882-7406.

Alcala and Rafael Untalan.

"The Kiss of the Spider Woman" tells the story of two men - Valentin, a political prisoner, and Molina, a Gay man accused of "gross indecency" - who share a cell in a South American prison. These two strangers must learn to depend and care for each other despite their differences and beliefs. As they struggle to understand each other, they discover the liberating power of the imagination and find a way to escape to a place of healing.

A familiar name in Tucson, Andres Alcalá earned rave reviews for past performances in Borderlands Theater productions of "Men on the Verge of a Hispanic Breakdown" by Guillermo Reyes and "Sueno" by Jose Rivera. Alcalá was recently honored with a Zoni (Phoenix area press award) for Best Actor in "Men on the Verge," a co-production with Playwrights Theater of Phoenix. The Oregonian said "Kiss of the Spider Woman" "... celebrates the mystery of the human spirit." And while prisons are not new settings for plays, what makes "Spider Woman" particularly interesting, according to Alcalá is "the conflict between two people with everything stripped from them trying to find dignity and love inside each other."

Manuel Puig, an Argentine native who went into self-imposed exile the year Juan Domingo Peron came into power, adapted this non-musical version of "The Kiss of the Spider Woman" from his 1979 novel. The play, unlike the musical and the film adaptations, is a two-man drama. The Borderlands/Miracle Theater co-production, directed by Portland's Dan Foote with set design by John Longhoffer of Tucson, features the award-winning cast from Portland's Miracle Theatre production, Andres

Barclay Goldsmith, Producing Director of Borderlands Theater, is pleased to be presenting this production of "The Kiss of the Spider Woman" in association with the Miracle Theatre Group. "This is a new collaboration between our two companies and is representative of our mutual missions to present work that speaks to issues of social justice and to diverse audiences."

Since 1986 Borderlands Theater has developed and produced work that reflects the cultural and racial diversity of the Southwest Border region and contributes to the region's unique character. Borderlands Theater provides a multi-cultural "border" voice in theater through play

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**Support The G.L.B.T. Commission And Make Sure Justice Is Served**

In 1999, Mayor Miller persuaded the Council to make his Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender task force into a permanent part of the City government, becoming the City of Tucson GLBT Commission on July 6, 1999.

Under Resolution 18345, which the Mayor and Council agreed that the purpose of the GLBT Commission would be to: act as the official advisory body to the Mayor and Council on GLBT issues; respond in an effective and timely manner to GLBT issues that may arise in the City; examine local policies and practices in the area of employment, business, education, housing, social services, health and mental health and recreation as they affect or relate to GLBT people in the City and to recommend changes as appropriate; review and make recommendations on proposed local, state and federal legislation affecting GLBT people; promote educational activities and events related to GLBT issues; to conduct, promote educational activities and events related to GLBT issues; conduct, promote or facilitate community forums to educate the community about GLBT issues and concerns; collaborate with the Human Relations and other City commissions; serve as a liaison between the Mayor and Council and the educational community regarding the needs and rights of the GLBT community; and to address other GLBT issues as requested by the Mayor and Council.

within their guidelines set down by the Mayor and Council. Tucson's GLBT Commission must not stand alone on this to bear the burden. This community must act now and show their support of the Commission by calling or E-mailing the Mayor and Council, stating they must consider the recommendations set down by the GLBT Commission, as the City Charter states the City's governmental body must do.

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Tucson's GLBT Commission, has always followed the direction of the Mayor and Council resolution, resulting in getting the Mayor and Council to: include the category of Transgender as one of groups covered under the anti discrimination ordinance; cut off funding to organizations who received city funding but wouldn't uphold the anti-discrimination ordinance, and to providers of this funding who gave the money to such groups, naming a few of the successes they achieved.

In February 2000, an openly Gay man was assaulted, this time by an off-duty Tucson Fire Fighter. Tucson's GLBT Commission, acting under guidelines set down by Resolution 18345, investigated the matter, resulting in an independent report of the incident, showing special treatment for the fire fighter, violation of city policies and possible violations of state law, in the handling of the incident by high ranking officials of the Tucson Fire Department (TFD).

During their November meeting, the GLBT Commission met, reviewed the report and made recommendations to the Mayor and Council about the policies stated and changes recommended; on whether the penalties handed to the fire fighter, and another who was at the scene were within guidelines or precedent; and for the Mayor and Council to consider investigating the actions for the former and current Fire Chief, for their actions and statements made, in the case of the current Chief, who stated knowing of the incident on one date, when the independent report showed otherwise. This past week, those recommendations have been sent by the Commission and received by all members of the Tucson Mayor and Council.

Tucson's GLBT Commission, despite the statements made to the press by officials within city government, are acting

The hearing by the Arizona Bureau of Emergency Services for the Tucson Fire Fighter, Franchot Opela, on whether to revoke his paramedic's license, postponed once by the legal maneuvers of his attorney, is scheduled for a hearing on January 25.

A complaint had been filed on Opela, in lieu of his conviction of assaulting a Gay man, while off-duty, outside a Tucson restaurant. After an investigation by the Bureau, they've recommended that his paramedic's license be revoked, which would result in his termination as an employee of the Tucson Fire Department (TFD), since TFD employees must have a paramedic's license as a prerequisite for their employment.

This is the option the Tucson GLBT community has in this matter. In his motion to get Opela's probation ended, his attorney had stated that the fire fighter was the victim in this case, which is not true, it's the GLBT community who is the victim, since their trust in TFD, who are supposed to serve, protect and save the lives of straight and GLBT Tucsonans has been broken by the actions taken by an off-duty fire fighter, who should have used the training given in dealing with people to diffuse any situation, something the subsequent trial showed otherwise, and the actions by TFD, in lieu of this case.

GLBT Tucsonans should write to the Bureau of Emergency Medical Services, and demand that the hearing takes place, with no more delays. Write to the Bureau of Emergency Medical Services, 400 West Congress, Suite 100, Box 19, Tucson, AZ 85701.



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Is it 2002 yet? Let's dust off the crystal ball and see what is in store for each sign this new year. 2002 rocks and rolls with a happy push courtesy of the Saturn / Neptune trine through mid-year. Even our most Outrageous actions seem to lead us to victory. And just how Outlandish would you like to be, cousin?



**CAPRICORN**

**DECEMBER 23 - JANUARY 20**  
2002 brings a reassessment of values for all queer Caps who hate what they do for a living. What motivates you, comrade? Is it status? Money? Fame and glory? Take your choice from the tasting menu and use the new year to fashion your ideal meal. For those who have been dog paddling through life, it is time to make waves and surf to success. Hang eleven! Errr ... tent!

**AQUARIUS**

**JANUARY 21 - FEBRUARY 19**  
Check yourself in the mirror as Neptune trines Saturn throughout 2002. Do you like who you see? Aquarians can realize their full potential as long as they take stock of all their assets first. Saturn dips into your well of talents which can overflow and spurt with aptitude if you pump in the energy. Saturn also revs up the romance. Hey, just how talented are you, lover?

**PISCES**

**FEBRUARY 20 - MARCH 20**  
Guppies are particularly clairvoyant in 2002 as nebulous Neptune trines capable Saturn. Neptune is naturally placed in your chart and you are at one with the universe, feeling connected to the cosmos. Go with your gut and make your way through 2002 as a seer to others. The signposts up ahead say "Slippery when wet".... hmm or is it "Falling Rocks"?

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**ARIES**

**MARCH 21 - APRIL 20**

Expect a few instances of hoof in mouth disease in 2002 proud Ram, but don't let it dissuade you from saying what you mean and meaning what you say. The Neptune/Saturn trine has you blathering at the mouth but you can come off ever so charming if you set your mind to it. Win friends and influence people all year long. Love comes in all shapes and sizes, lucky thing.

**TAURUS**

**APRIL 21 - MAY 21**

Money may be a bit tight for most of 2002 (so what else is new?) but Gay Bulls can overcome the fiscal odds by applying their monetary panic into strategic energy in their career. Quirky Neptune trines stern Saturn most of the year and casts its healing spell over any corporate curse. Weave your magic, comrade, and make this new year magnifico. Presto chango.

**GEMINI**

**MAY 22 - JUNE 21**

With Saturn trolling through your sign through out 2002, pink Twins are apt to feel a bit troll-ish themselves. But good things emerge from even your most ghoulish gaffs thanks to the trine to Neptune through the year. New people give you greater exposure. (Don't catch a draft.) For those loud, proud Geminis with a few things to say, use 2002 to get your message out, out, out.

**CANCER**

**JUNE 22 - JULY 23**

2002 brings with it a share of wonder, amazement and out of this world sex. Thank the Saturn / Neptune trine that weaves a seductive magic. Your intuition is piqued, your spirituality enhanced and your desire to merge with the world is expanded. Pink Crabs are lured into almost any net and could get into all sorts of delicious trouble. So what's for dinner, comrade?

**LEO**

**JULY 24 - AUGUST 23**

There will be Gay Leos who use 2002 as a time to expand their social reach and there will be those who use the new year to strengthen old bonds and be a buffer against the world. How will you manifest your destiny during the Neptune / Saturn trine? Connect to others, no matter who, what, when, where or how. Complete the circuit and be an electrifying force.

**VIRGO**

**AUGUST 24 - SEPTEMBER 23**

One of the most remarkable things about queer Virgos is their ability to overcome just about any odds and triumph through hard work and direct application. Now, as Neptune trines Saturn you find that your trials and tribulations at work reach a happy and effective accord. Saturn gives you an opportunity to climb a rung up. Opportunity knocks, comrade. Answer the door!

**LIBRA**

**SEPTEMBER 24 - OCTOBER 23**

2002 can be a source of wilde adventure when Saturn bumps, grinds and trines Neptune throughout the year. It's a party hearty time for all pink Libras. The temptations are great and the rewards are global but don't allow yourself to be led astray by just any loose tease with a tight toothbrush. It's time to be discerning, cousin; make that new years resolution #1.

**SCORPIO**

**OCTOBER 24 - NOVEMBER 22**

Happy 2002, proud Scorp. The Neptune / Saturn trine highlights family issues all throughout the year. Problems can be reconciled and accords can be negotiated in any hard headed impasse. However, the squishy Neptune influence can make even hard bitten Scorps pushovers. Don't become a doormat pal; it will just become a repository of underfoot dirt. Stand firm and hard!

**SAGITTARIUS**

**NOVEMBER 23 - DECEMBER 22**

Ebullient Gay Archers are tickled pink at their eloquence during the Neptune / Saturn trine which trips off the tongue throughout 2002. Say what you mean and mean what you say, especially in one to one relationships. There is almost nothing (except that innate Sagittarian hoof in mouth) to prevent you from asking for and getting what you want. Think first and then go go go for it.

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# NOTES FROM THE FOR-REAL SIDE

by Lee Thorn

## 'Worst Case Scenario'

Does Saddam Hussein have the bomb?

What do we know for sure? We know that he's wanted one for a long time. We know that he's got enough money to buy one. We know that there are lots of unemployed and under-employed nuclear scientists in his part of the world. We know that there's lots of bomb-grade material with questionable security all over the world.

On this last point, for a convincing account of how Israel got its first fissionable material from a US power plant see GIDEON'S SPIES by Cordon Thomas, which is also a good read for anyone tired of hearing about the alleged infallibility of the Mossad, the Israeli intelligence service.

For the past three years there have been no UN inspectors in Iran to cramp Hussein's style. Before that, when there were inspectors, several large areas of the country were off limits to them. Whoever agreed to that arrangement on the UN side was not playing with a full deck.

So now, in the post-September 11 climate, we see all these experts on TV being asked if Hussein has the bomb. They don't say "yes" or "no." They say they "hope" not. We have whole choruses of hoping experts. How very reassuring.

When really pressed on this issue, the best reason both the experts and the non-experts can come up with for believing that he doesn't have the bomb is that he hasn't used it yet. As a matter of logic, he'd have to have the bomb before he could use it, so this "reason" for believing he doesn't have it is absolutely absurd.

What does history tell us about the only country that's ever used the bomb on civilian populations, that country being the US? Did we detonate the bomb the minute we got one? We certainly did not.

We were at war with Japan and we wanted to use the bomb as a threat to end the war so we wouldn't have to invade their mainland. To simplify history somewhat, we guessed that we'd need at least two bombs to make our threat credible. We waited until we had two before we blew up a Japanese city and asked them if they'd had enough.

This put the Japanese in a tough

position. They really couldn't tell if we had more bombs or not. They decided that we might be bluffing and they called. We destroyed another Japanese city and asked if they'd had enough.

Another tough position. They couldn't know that we were fresh out of A-bombs. They decided not to call the bluff this time. (Apologies to professional historians, but you get the point.)

Let's suppose that Saddam has heard of World War II. Let's suppose that he doesn't just want to set a bomb off to cause a big noise. Instead of wanting to use it just as a firecracker, let's imagine that he wants to use the weapon to accomplish a political purpose. In that case he might, without much trouble at all, land a couple of suitcase-size bombs on the coast of Canada. With even less trouble he might have them driven into the US, say one to New York and the other to Chicago.

One day, without warning, he detonates his New York bomb. Being rather small, it only takes out about ten square blocks of Manhattan, but the radiation makes the city uninhabitable. He asks the President of the United States if we've had enough. Tough position. Let's say the President calls his bluff and Saddam takes out Chicago.

It should be noted at this point that retaliation is perfectly irrelevant. We could easily blow Iraq off the map, but Hussein isn't going to be at home and he doesn't happen to give a damn. He's probably operating out of a Paris suburb.

So now he offers us a deal: withdraw all your military permanently from the Eastern Hemisphere, stop all aid to Israel and pay Saddam 100 billion in reparations for our past aggressions. The President can come to terms or find out if he has another bomb.

The worst-case scenario isn't having a war with Iraq. The worst-case scenario is losing a war with Iraq without firing a shot. Meanwhile, we can all keep hoping.

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

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**POLITICS 2001**

by Mark R. Kerr

**'2002: The Official Beginning'**

As we stumbled through 2001 and the political campaign for three seats on the Tucson City Council, the 2002 political campaign season started but of course it was the unofficial beginning.

Many of the potential wannabees, who got their names into the breeder press more times than the average "debutramp" or sports icon in a police line-up or bust, can't make their intentions known thanks to Arizona's "Resign to Run" law, which prohibits incumbent office holders from really seeking another political office, with a higher profile, bigger staff and most important, a better salary, until their last year of the term of the office they currently hold.

If they don't keep their mouth's shut about higher office, officially, they have to immediately resign their present political position but they show some sense in this area, a rarity for most public officials, by forming an exploratory committee, setting up a staff, by raising the moolah needed to get that "head's up" on potential opponents for statewide office while incumbent state legislators who've formed their exploratory committee's for their current posts, frantically rake in the bucks, because when the Legislature is in session, they're forbidden to do any fund raising until *Sine Die*.

In 2001, we witnessed three actual announcements for political office, Governor of Arizona, which is an open seat since Jane Hull is constitutionally barred from

seeking another term in office. Two were on the Democratic side: perennial candidate Mark Osterloh, and former state Senator turned lobbyist, Alfredo Gutierrez. Former Member of Congress, the very homophobic Matt Salmon, threw his Harley Helmet into the ring for the GOP nod and launched the first press grenade, at Arizona Attorney General, Janet Napolitano, the front-runner for the Democratic nod for Governor and who has formed an exploratory committee for the post as well.

In a "prepared" statement, Salmon blasts Napolitano for a memo stating policy on holiday decorations adopted by Arizona Attorney General office.

According to the memo, employees are allowed to decorate their personal work spaces according to their own beliefs and tastes, while the appropriate, constitutionally mandated separation of church and state is maintained in the front lobby, where all Arizonans should feel equally welcome and represented.

"Attorney General Napolitano must have had one too many spiked egg-nogs," Salmon says in a prepared statement. "Christmas is about kindness, generosity, and spreading good cheer. The only thing Janet is spreading with this Soviet-style directive is bad faith.

What about Kwanza, Hanukkah and Ramadan, don't they count too Matt? Napolitano is following what the leader of

your party, George W. Bush, said, that all faiths should be respected, tolerated and treated equally, a word that's definitely not in Salmon's lexicon.

Meanwhile, on the federal level, all 435 members of the U.S. House are up, plus one-third of the U.S. Senate (Kyl and McCain not included in that.). Arizona will have two more seats in the U.S. House for the next ten years, thanks to federal redistricting.

In addition to the Governor's office, the other statewide offices, Attorney General, Secretary of State, Treasurer, Superintendent of Public Instruction, a seat on the Arizona Corporation Commission, plus the state Mine Inspector, are up for consideration in this campaign.

All 90 seats in the Arizona Legislature are up, with probably few of them being contested, thanks to redistricting by the Independent Commission. Ballot propositions and initiatives will also play a part in 2002.

In Pima County, many judicial posts, Justices of the Peace and Constable, are up in 2002.

One Justice of the Peace race of note is for J.P. 8, where Susan Bacal, who gave the off-duty Tucson Fire Fighter, convicted of assaulting a Gay man outside a Tucson restaurant, a slap on the wrist, is up for reelection.

Dear Jenn:

If I know she's more emotionally invested in our relationship than I am, would I be better off to end it? I really enjoy the time we spend together, but I'm not in love. What do you think?

Not in Love

Dear Not in Love:

My-oh-my, you are in a quandary, aren't you? Here you have a gal you enjoy spending time with and want to keep seeing, but that gosh-darn conscience of yours has to go and ruin it by hinting you'd be taking unfair advantage by doing so! Actually, I'm kidding a bit here. In reality, I give you a lot of credit for being so responsible about your gal-pal's feelings. There are lots of women who would only be concerned about what they wanted, not the opposite! At the same time, however, it sounds like it what you'd like most is to find a way to keep on dating this gal without worrying she might get hurt.

Does she already know what you want from your relationship with her? If you've been clear from the start then none of this will be news for her. That doesn't mean she couldn't still have fallen for you, despite your clarity, right? If, on the other hand, the two of you met, dated and only now are figuring out your future relationship, it is possible you have different expectations. Either way, it's important to clear the air.

I'd have a little chat about it all some night when you're both feeling relaxed and at ease with one another. Difficult though it can be to have a conversation

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**LONG SHOTS** by Thomas Long

**'Getting Better'**

I went to a Catholic grade school for the first eight school years of my life, and I remember those days at St. Boniface with something quite like abject terror. Not only did we go to church every single day, the idea of religion was a constant at every juncture of my school day. Prayers at lunch. Regular visits from the intimidating parish priest. Rulers across the knuckles, delivered with rapturous glee by a gaggle of nuns. The blue-on-blue school uniform that set me apart from every other kid on the bus.

Then there was recess.

Everyday, we were instructed to play kick-ball on the playground. Kick-ball is an equivalent to baseball, but with a soccer ball instead of a baseball and bat. The opposing team's pitcher rolls the ball toward the kicker, who then runs around the bases. We would line up, awaiting our turn to kick the ball - and I lived in agony for the moment when it would be my turn.

The other team would crowd in closer, expecting me to not be able to kick the ball. Yes, I was a wuss. So between sixth and seventh grades, I spent most of the summer kicking a damn ball in my back yard - over and over again, up against our house until my father finally opened the back door and forbade me from doing that ever again - I was knocking things off the wall inside. So much for my basic training for kickball.

But when I got back to school, and queued up for the first game of kick-ball that fall, I nervously approached the time I would show my mettle against my reputation. Now, I don't know if it was the look of steely determination in my eyes, or the way that I approached my turn - for once, inviting the opportunity instead of backing away from it, but I remember very clearly catching the glance of Greg Jones, who was the seventh grade jock who defined kick-ball.

Then, Greg yelled out to his team - who once again was crowding into the infield, ready for my usual lame attempt to send the ball flying - "Hey, back up. He's gotten better."

Now, I didn't send the ball flying - but, I did do better than I had before. At least, I made it to first base and when I got there, I think I remember seeing Greg

Jones look at me and smiling. Maybe he gave me a nod, I'm not certain anymore. But I do know this: it was an affirmation, of sorts, that has stuck with me for the last thirty years.

In the intervening years, there have been a lot of hurdles - and a lot of practice on things that were roadblocks in my mind. I remember not being able to travel on my own as recently as ten years ago - and now, I've moved across country twice, lived on my own, and have challenged myself to be very good at the work I do, and to pursue some of my more creative outlets. I've grown comfortable with being openly Gay - and have encouraged people to live their own lives honestly, even if it creates more stress in an interim. Things that I would have never done before - because I always saw an opposing team advancing toward me, ready for me to fail.

Last week, I was in the line of my hometown grocery store - I had been visiting my father, who is ill. And in line in front of me, there was this guy about my age - handsome, muscular, with two kids in their teens. Of course, it was Greg Jones - somehow I recognized him through the years and after about 30 seconds of chit-chat to confirm we both knew who we were, we spent the next few minutes (it was the express lane) about that Catholic school all those years ago. We laughed about old teachers - and compared notes on where we were with religion. He still attends mass, I don't. I shared my own story of seeing a parish priest at a Gay bar - and he didn't bat an eye twice at the offhand comment.

And although I never told him as much, I owe a lot to Greg - I don't think I could have ever expressed to him how much it meant to me, for him to tell his team to back off on that blacktop playground during that first kick-ball game of my seventh grade. But for a kid who was scared all the time, who turned into an adult who spent too many years scared, I remember that vote of confidence. And thirty years later, in line at a grocery store in the town that I grew up in, I am happy that he remembered, too.

Moments like that - the weird synchronicity in life - remind me that we all have the ability to get better, if only we used it more often.

**GLBT 2001: Nationally**

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and serious questions are raised as to the legality of petitioners' signature collection methods.

The Washington Supreme Court rules that a state doctrine providing unmarried heterosexual partners with certain legal protections (including fair distribution of a couple's property should they separate or if one partner dies) also protects Lesbian and Gay families. In ruling that the doctrine must be applied regardless of sexual orientation, the court returns the case to the trial court, which must examine evidence of the plaintiff's relationship with his deceased partner.

After the University of South Carolina Faculty Senate votes 48-14, in December, to recommend including sexual orientation in the school's anti-discrimination policy, state and local officials unleash a public torrent of anti-Gay comments. Board of trustees member Michael

Mungo claims that Gays and Lesbians are "trying to take over the world," prompting former students to organize an LGBT alumni association to hold Mungo accountable for his public comments. State Sen. John Hawkins (R-Spartanburg) added that, "In my view, an administrator should be allowed to refuse to hire someone because of their sexual orientation. We should be able to exclude open homosexuals from teaching our kids."

National Latina/o Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Organization (LLEGO) works with a coalition of national and local organizations in calling on the Milwaukee district attorney to investigate the murder of 36-year-old Mexican-American Lesbian Juana Vega as a potential hate crime.

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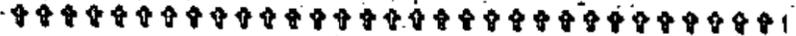
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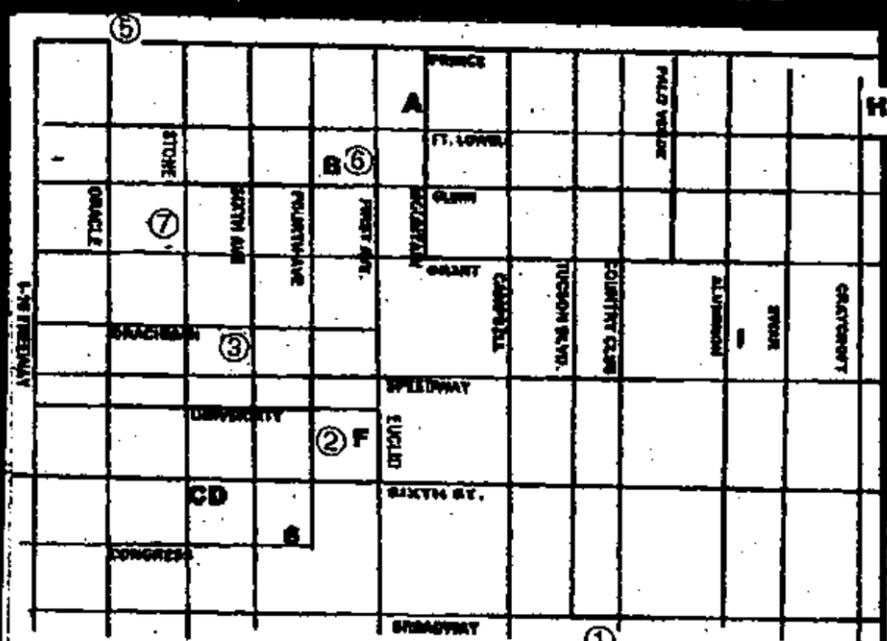
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# SPORTS

## DESERT COYOTES LEAGUE UPDATE

**TUCSON** - The Desert Coyotes, Tucson's GLBT and straight-supportive bowling league, resumes their season on January 9, 2002.

For those who would need a bowling stats fix, here are the season achievements so far, for the teams in the Desert Coyotes bowling league.

High Average - Bernadette's Peter, 579; Mama's Boys, 541; Free Your Balls, 517.

High Series Scratch - Bernadette's Peter, 1913; Mama's Boys, 1693; Free Your Balls, 1625.

High Game Scratch - Bernadette's Peter, 725; Mama's Boys, 670; One Is-Two Ain't, 635.

High Series Handicap - 2 PP's & A HooHoo, 2140; Free Your Balls, 2129; Bernadette's Peter, 2126.

High Game Handicap - Bernadette's Peter, 798; One Is-Two Ain't/Mama's Boys, 776.

### FEMALE PRO FOOTBALLER GETS FLAK FOR COMING OUT

**PHILADELPHIA, PA** - Alissa Wykes of Bensalem, Penn., who plays fullback for the Philadelphia Liberty Belles—the 2001 National Women's Football League champions—came out publicly in the December-January issue of Sports Illustrated Women. Now she's getting flak for it from the league's owner, according to Philadelphia Gay News.

In the three-page article, Wykes's sexual orientation is mentioned three times. "Of course I am a Lesbian," Wykes says in the story. "I've had a partner for six years, and it's been awesome. I guess you can call this my coming-out party."

According to Wykes, after the issue hit newsstands, Catherine Masters, founder and owner of the National Women's Football League, phoned her, calling her "stupid" for revealing her sexual orientation. Wykes also says that Masters called her a dyke. Masters denies using either term but admitted to the Gay News that she thinks an out Lesbian is bad for business.

"This is a business; we're new," Masters told the Gay News. "I want to go after mainstream sponsors. Alissa's coming-out in a national publication was inappropriate and was certainly more harmful than helpful. I don't know of any major corporation trying to speak to the Gay demographic."

Wykes says she was initially cautious of coming out in the article and agreed to do so only if Sports Illustrated Women addressed her sexuality in a matter-of-fact way. Wykes says she told her family, coworkers, and Liberty Belles owner Marie Olsen that she was going to come out in the article and that she received support from everyone.

### 'Spider Woman'

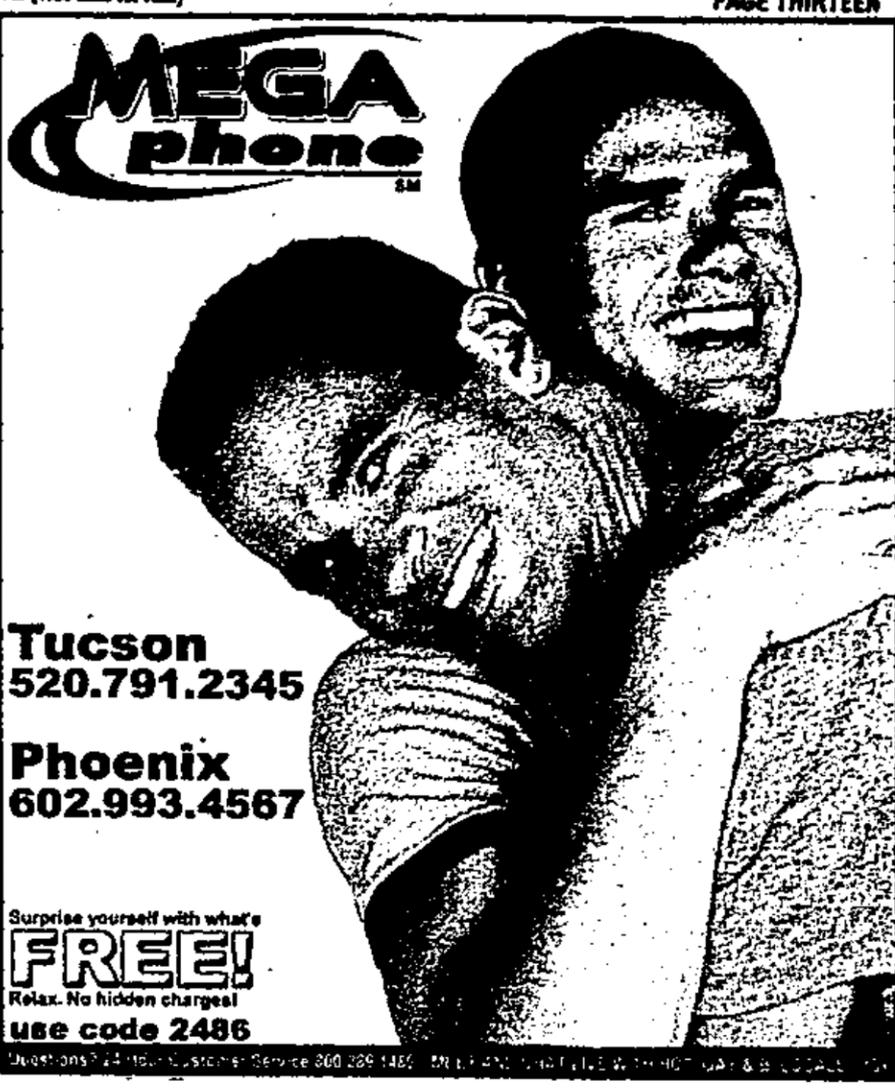
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production, new play development, and educational programming.

"The Kiss of the Spider Woman" Performance Schedule and Ticket Prices Preview: Thursday, 1/10 7:30 p.m.: Pay What You Can Night! (\$5 minimum to guarantee a reservation). Opening Celebration: Friday, 1/11 7:30 p.m., \$17 (includes reception). Regular Schedule: Fridays and Saturdays at 7:30 p.m., General \$13 and Student Rush \$9\* Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. and Sundays at 2:00 p.m., General \$12, Senior \$10 and Student \$9.

[\*Only available at the Box Office 15 minutes prior to the performance. Group rates available. Tickets are available at Antigone Books, 411 N. 4th Ave. (cash only) and the Borderlands Theater office, 373 S. Meyer Ave. To purchase tickets by phone, for ticket information, call (520) 882-7406. To arrange accommodations for patrons with disabilities, please call (520) 882-8607. For information on post-show talk backs and pre-show discussions, please call the theater.]

Borderlands Theater in association with the Miracle Theatre Group of Oregon, presents the play "The Kiss of the Spider Woman," by Manuel Puig. This contemporary drama about the courage and perseverance of the human soul will play January 10 through 27 at Zuzil Little Theatre, 738 N. 5th Avenue. For information and reservations, call (520) 882-7406.



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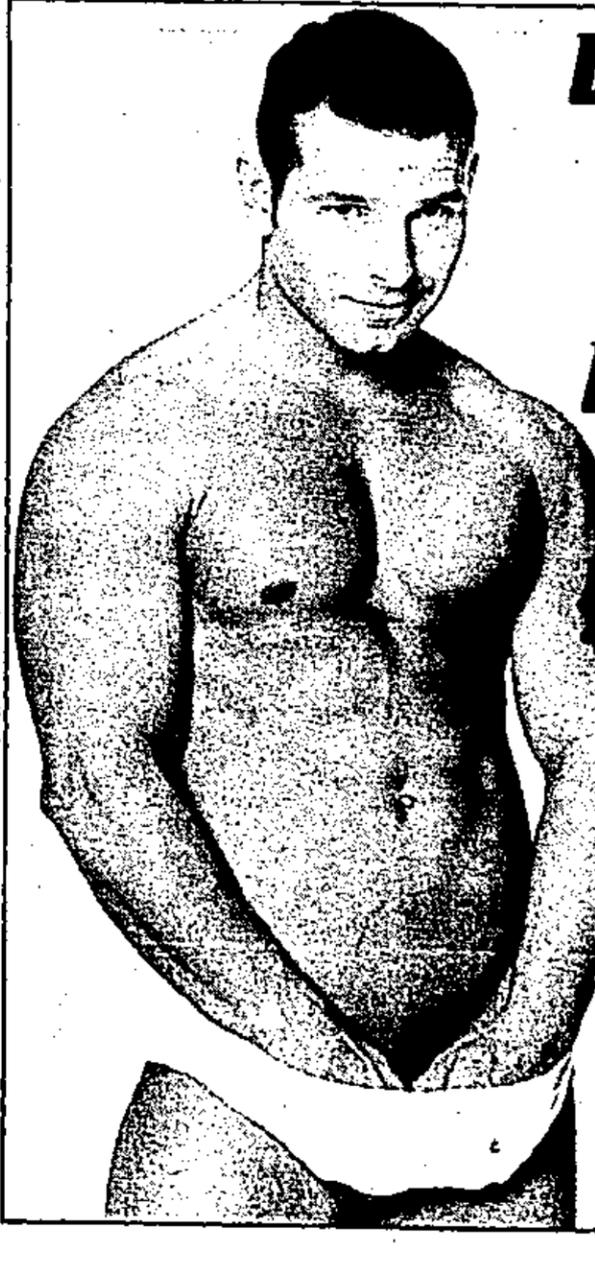
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# Non-Bar Calendar

Groups / Clubs / Organizations

## FRIDAY, JANUARY 4

Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 1:00 p.m. Join the guys of MSN for a Lunch Out at the Tucson Mall. With a myriad of choices from the food court, you can get your favorite type of food and share a lunch with your family. For more information, please call Jerry at 800-6565.

## SATURDAY, JANUARY 5

#1. Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 9:00 a.m. Join Rick and Jack for a 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 818-1816, or Jack at 881-5733.

#2. Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. Join us for our monthly Potluck and Social Gathering where we invite you to have dinner and get to know the nice guys of MSN. It's a nice, safe setting in which to meet new men and greet old friends. For directions, please call Jerry at 800-6565.

## SUNDAY, JANUARY 6

Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 2:00 p.m. Come to another Music Appreciation as we listen to some of the works of Maria Galera. If you're interested, there will be a luncheon at 1:00. For directions and reservations, please call Bill at 297-3569.

## MONDAY, JANUARY 7

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.

Tucson Prime Timers, Lunch at 1:00 P.M. The Wildcat House 1801 N. Stone Ave., South of Grant Rd.

## TUESDAY, JANUARY 8

#1. Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. Join Joe for an evening out at Rainbow Planet. This is a chance to have a cup of coffee and chat with the men of MSN. For directions or more info, please call Joe at 886-1538.

#2. Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. Tom hosts Bridge Night. If you're a beginner or an old pro, join the guys for a fun, relaxed night of Bridge. For reservations, please call Tom at 326-8196.

## WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 9

Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 6:00 p.m. Join Jorge for Dinner Out at one of Jorge's last minute choices. For details and reservations, please call Jorge at 690-9565.

Tucson Prime Timers, Breakfast at 9:00 A.M. The Egg Connection 3114 E. Fort Lowell Rd., SE corner of Ft Lowell Rd. & Country Club.

Tucson Prime Timers, Video Night at 7:00 P.M. Movies with a non-pornographic Gay theme will be shown. Phone: 740-0620

## SATURDAY, JANUARY 12

#1. Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 8:00 a.m. Join Curt for a moderate hike (3-5 miles). This first hike will get your new year off to the right start. For more information, please contact Curt at 722-1842.

#2. Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 8:00 p.m. Marv will host Pinochle & Pizza beginning with a chance to share some pizza and meet and greet the other players over pizza (\$6), followed by Pinochle at 7:00 p.m. For more information, please call Marv at 745-0304.

## MONDAY, JANUARY 14

Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 8:00 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.

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## WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 16

Tucson Prime Timers, Video Night at 7:00 P.M. Movies with a non-pornographic Gay theme will be shown. Phone: 740-0620

## FRIDAY, JANUARY 18

Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. Join us for Pizza Night, as we enjoy an evening of good food and camaraderie with the guys. This month, the party will be on the east side of town. For reservations and directions, please call Joe at 548-9685.

## SATURDAY, JANUARY 19

Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 9:00 a.m. Join Rick and Jack for a 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 818-1816, or Jack at 881-5733.

Tucson Prime Timers Lunch/Business Meeting at 12:00 Noon. The Hometown Buffet 5101 N. Oracle Rd., Just north of River Rd.

## SUNDAY, JANUARY 20

Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 8:00 a.m. Join Curt for a moderate hike (3-5 miles). For more information, please contact Curt at 722-1842.

# BAR CALENDAR

OF UPCOMING EVENTS

## WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 2

IBT's - Dive-Licious Show 9:00 p.m. Hosted by Lucinda Holiday and starting Alade and Faith Michaels.

## FRIDAY, JANUARY 4

JAKE'S - AGRA (Arizona Gay Rodeo) Fundraising Party for Road Runner Regional Rodeo (RRRR). 9:00 p.m. - 1:00 a.m. Contests, games, 50/50 raffle. Party with the cowboys and cowgirls before the rodeo.

## SUNDAY, JANUARY 6

IBT's - Party line-up includes Jeff's Recovery Bar from 11:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. \$1.50 Bloody Marys, Screwdrivers or Mimosa. 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 Gay Men's Health Project (GMHP). Then at 9:00 p.m. "Puttin' On The Lips" Lypsync Contest with a first place prize of \$50. Hosted by Lucinda Holiday. To enter call Lucinda at 327-1578.

## MONDAY, JANUARY 7

IBT's - The return of 'Aja Sez'! Be at IBT's, collect 'Aja Bucks' and get \$1.00 off any drink or domestic bottle beer. (Does not apply to draft beer).

## WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 9

IBT's - "A Night Of Comedy" with Lucinda Holiday and Aja Simone.

## SATURDAY, JANUARY 12

JAKE'S - Miss Gay Tucson USofA pre-Pageant show and Party starting at 8:00 p.m. Watch for details.

## MONDAY, JANUARY 21

Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 8:00 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.

Tucson Prime Timers, Lunch at 1:00 P.M. The Wildcat House 1801 N. Stone Ave., South of Grant Rd.

## TUESDAY, JANUARY 22

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## WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 23

Tucson Prime Timers, Video Night at 7:00 P.M. Movies with a non-pornographic Gay theme will be shown. Phone: 740-0620

## THURSDAY, JANUARY 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 890-9565.

#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 "All Over the Guy", a comedy drama about a blind date with two guys who don't seem like a good fit. For reservations and directions, please call Les at 690-9565.

## FRIDAY, JANUARY 25

Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. The boys are back in town! Join us for the new season of "Queer As Folk" as we show the first 2 episodes of the 2nd season. For reservations and directions, please call Bill at 546-7539.

Tucson Prime Timers, Lunch at 1:00 P.M. Red Sky Cafe 1681 N. Swan Rd., SW corner of Swan and Pima Rds.

## SATURDAY, JANUARY 26

Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 6:00 p.m. Bill will host Pinochle & Pizza Night beginning with a chance to share some pizza and meet and greet the other players over pizza (\$6), followed by Pinochle at 7:00 p.m. For more information, please call Bill at 297-3569.

## SUNDAY, JANUARY 27

Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 a.m. The latest birding expedition gives you the chance to see the Sandhill cranes that make an annual trek through the area. For directions and more information, please call Gene at 825-8109.

SeniorRap from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. Wingspan, 300 E. 6th St. An open discussion group addressing the interests and needs of senior LGBTs. All genders are welcome.

## MONDAY, JANUARY 28

Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 8:00 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.

Tucson Prime Timers, Lunch at 1:00 P.M. The Wildcat House 1801 N. Stone Ave., South of Grant Rd.

# BAR CALENDAR

JAKE'S - Open 8pm daily, Well \$1.75.  
VENTURE-N - Open 8pm. Patio 5pm. Daily specials til 7pm.  
WOODY'S - Open Noon. Happy Hour 3-7pm. Volleyball games start 7pm. Underwear Wednesday with Reuben & Raul. Happy Hour prices for those in their undies. Patio bar open 7pm-Midnight.  
YARD DOG - Open daily 8am. 50¢ off any Vodka until 7pm. Kennel open daily at 5pm.

Monday  
ANT NOBODY'S BIZ - Beer Bust 3-10, \$1.25 pitchers. Latin Music with DJ Hill 8:30 to close. Shot specials all night.  
IBT's - 9am-4pm \$2.00 domestic beer and well. \$1.75 well & domestic beer 4-9pm. Benefit Bar-B-Que and Beer Bust for community organizations 4:30-7pm. Karaoke with Billy Dee on the patio 4:30-7:30. Hi energy dancing \$ to 1. All drink specials not available during special events.  
JAKE'S - Open 5pm daily, Well 1.75.  
VENTURE-N - Open 10am. Patio open 3pm. Daily specials til 7pm. Patio Beer bust 3-7. Burger Bar-B-Que 6-7. (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 ethanol 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  
ANT NOBODY'S BIZ - Happy Hour Two-For-One 2-7. Football Madness \$1.75 Miller specials 8to close+Touchdown specials.  
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, Linda Munda's 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.  
JAKE'S - Open 5pm daily, Well \$1.75.  
VENTURE-N - Open 8am. Patio 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  
ANT NOBODY'S BIZ - 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 DJs. 8:30-1  
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.  
JAKE'S - Open 5pm daily, Well \$1.75.  
VENTURE-N - Open 6am. Patio 5pm. Daily specials til 7pm.  
WOODY'S - Open Noon. Happy Hour 3-7pm. 7pm Dart Tournament with Doc. Trivia Party 8pm-1. Top score on NTN per game wine special prizes. \$3 Zombies, Jungle Juice or Mai Tai.  
YARD DOG - Open daily 6am. 50¢ off any Tequila until 7pm. Kennel open daily at 5pm.

Wednesday  
ANT NOBODY'S BIZ - 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.

Thursday  
ANT NOBODY'S BIZ - 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.

Friday  
ANT NOBODY'S BIZ - 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.

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**LESBIAN/GAY/BI-SEXUAL OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS**. Saturdays 1 to 2pm new location Wingspan, 300 E. 6<sup>th</sup> St. Contact: 325-8676 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 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Monday at 7:30 p.m. in the Madonna Hall at Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Church, 1438 N. Campbell across from University Hospital. For more info. Call Ernie Steight 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.396

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

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**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. 6<sup>th</sup> St. Call 624-1778 for more info. SAGAEmail@aol.com http://members.aol.com/sageemail

**EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT GROUP FOR ALTERNATIVE LIFESTYLES**. Not a dating club. Discreet. Meetings every Monday evening. Call for more info. APEX (Arizona Power Exchange) 802-415-1123. 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. 14<sup>th</sup> St., #112, Phoenix, AZ 85014 or call 802-278-4805.

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**SEXUAL ASSAULT SURVIVORS**. Starting this February, the Tucson Rape Crisis Center will be providing free confidential group services for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender survivors of all manner of sexual assault. Interested persons please call Mirto Stone, MSW, at 327-1171 (if unavailable leave message with phone number).

**AAPSP - ARIZONA ASSOCIATION OF PUBLIC SAFETY PROFESSIONALS** - a confidential organization committed to providing support and networking for all Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual public safety professionals in Arizona. Membership open to Law Enforcement Officers, Firefighters, Probation, Parole and Corrections Officers and civilians working within these agencies. Website: AAPSP.org or e-mail: AAPSP@aol.com or call Dave (520)745-9059 (Tucson) or Kim (602)534-6218 (Phoenix)

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

**TUCSON CATHOLIC GAY & LESBIAN FAMILY MINISTRY**. Currently meeting the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of every month at St. 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 Doo or Barbara 293-8624.

**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, 8:30 p.m. each month at Santa Cruz Lutheran Church, 6808 S. Cardinal Ave. For information visit www.lctucson.org write: LC, 7014 E. Golf Links Road, PMB 212, Tucson, AZ 85730.

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

**REVELLE GAY MEN'S CHORUS** rehearses Tuesdays 7-10pm at MCC Church, 3259 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-varient communities of Arizona. Website URL: http://www.tgnarizona.org - e-mail address: elgordum@quewest.net.org

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**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 578-8880 or write P.O. Box 38264, Tucson, AZ 85740-8264. All replies confidential.

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

**YOUNG AND GAY?** GIBT 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, 624-1778.

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 functions and dinners are held monthly. For dates, times and information call 529-9344, leave name and phone number.

**TUCSON GAY INFORMATION AND REFERRAL** For information on human service organizations, health and mental health services, financial and government assistance, emergency services such as food and shelter, education, etc. Call information and Referral 881-1794 - 9 am - 5 pm Mon. - Fri.

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**WINGSPAN - Tucson's Gay, Lesbian & Bisexual Community Center**, 300 E. 6th St., offers support groups / info line / social events / library / meeting space. Volunteer Opportunities. Board meetings every 2nd Thursday (open to all), 8:00 p.m. Information 624-1778.

**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 327-7239 for info.

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

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**LAMBDA CAR CLUB**, a social organization of Gays and Lesbians who share interest, information and fellowship involving all cars and trucks. New Southern Arizona Region now in Tucson. Call the HOTline at 888-8641

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**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, Elbe 561-8850 or Ronn 948-2384.

**CHRISTIAN SCIENCE GROUP** - Outreach to Gay and Lesbian people in Arizona. Meets monthly. Write to P.O. Box 983, Phoenix, AZ 85001 or call Eddy Walters, (602)371-1102

**CROWES SOCIAL GROUP**. A Social group for Gay men who enjoy the fellowship of their peers. Call Leo at 624-6788.

**T-SQUARES** Lesbian and Gay square dance club meets every Tuesday from 8:30-9:00 p.m. at Cornerstone Fellowship Social Hall, 2902 N. Gerontimo (near 1st Ave. and Laguna). Open to All. Call Liz at 325-6466 or Ray at 749-5247.

**LIGHTNING LIGHTING** will provide lighting for AIDS and related benefits at no charge. For more info call Adrienne at 888-7298.

**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 Phenix! For more information call Debbie 579-8627 or David 323-7843.

**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 791-9882.

Join the **LESBIAN & GAY PUBLIC AWARENESS PROJECT**. In Tucson write Awareness Project, 3681 N. Campbell Ave. #386, 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/political gatherings the first Saturday of each month and almost weekly social activities. Call Jerry at 690-6686 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 299-8647.

**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.

**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 616-6436 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.

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## Entertainment Briefs...

A number of Broadway shows—including the omnisexual romp *The Rocky Horror Show* and the Gay cult fave *The Women* as well as *By Jeeves*; *Kiss Me, Kate*; *Dance of Death*; *Hedda Gabler*; and *Thou Shalt Not*—will close at year's end or shortly thereafter. Losing that many shows means that just three plays—*The Producers*, *The Lion King*, and *Mamma Mia!*—could account for one third of Broadway's total gross. One bit of hope for the troubled Great White Way may come from *Season of Savings*, a program from the League of American Theaters and Producers wherein 14 shows will offer discount tickets during the first quarter of 2002. ...

An Italian researcher claims to have found a death certificate for famed Bisexual artist Caravaggio. Giuseppe La Fauci, an architect and Caravaggio enthusiast, says he found the alleged death certificate in an ancient church record book and that the paper shows the artist died in 1610. (Previously, the precise time and cause of Caravaggio's death has been a mystery to historians.) The document is said to read, "On July 18, 1609, in the S Maria Assi-liatrice hospital, Michelangelo Merisi da Caravaggio, painter, died of illness. Due to a difference in the calendar at that time, that would put his death at July 18, 1610. ...

Rap mogul Sean Combs has taken a page from Gay writer Truman Capote, whose 1966 *Black & White Ball* remains a legendary New York soiree. Combs will host *Black & White 2002* on New Year's Eve at the Shore Club in Miami Beach. Invitations to the new party feature a photo of Combs taken by Herb Ritts and recall that the Capote party was "an event where the best and brightest would come together to celebrate the magnificence of life." A spokesperson for Combs said the original *Black & White Ball* was "one of the great-

est parties of all time. And Puffy always strives for the best." ...

## Mad Names Falwell 2001's 'Dumbest'

NEW YORK, NY - MAD Magazine named the Rev. Jerry Falwell the "dumbest person of 2001" for blaming the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks on Gays and Lesbians, feminists and other groups, the *Gay.com/Planet-Out.com* network reported.

The distinction was part of MAD's year-end review of the 20 "dumbest people, events and things of 2001."

"We thought Falwell had reached his personal pinnacle of dumbness a few years ago when he accused the Teletubbies of promoting homosexuality," said MAD editor John Ficarra. "Give the guy credit, we underestimated him."

Falwell made the controversial statement during a Sept. 13 appearance on "The 700 Club" with televangelist Pat Robertson.

Regarding the attacks on New York and Washington, Falwell said: "I really believe that the pagans, and the abortionists, and the feminists, and the Gays and the Lesbians who are actively trying to make that an alternative lifestyle, the ACLU, People for the American Way—all of them who have tried to secularize America—I point the finger in their face and say, 'You helped this happen.'"

The White House rebuked Falwell for his remarks, and he later apologized.

MAD's "dumb" list for 2001 also includes Anne Heche and Elton John's Grammy Awards duet with Eminem.

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like this, you'd be amazed at how much it can help clear things up. This is liable to be particularly true if till now you haven't clearly talked to her about your concerns. A few different things might happen as a result of your conversation—and some of them could be surprising!

You may tell her you're concerned that she wants you more than you want her and she might say she's been feeling the same way about you! What a relief—the two of you can just relax and get on with enjoying yourselves!

Or she may acknowledge she has been feeling strongly toward you, but has been dealing with it on her own because she suspects you don't feel the same way, and doesn't want to push you into a relationship you don't want. Continuing to see you doesn't necessarily mean she thinks you'll change your mind! She may just also enjoy your time together and not want to give it up, even if she has to keep a tight rein on her emotions. Some folks are more than able to manage attraction in this manner, and this gal may be one of them. After all, she does have the right to decide what is and isn't best for her, doesn't she?

If she suspects you don't return her feelings and is hoping you'll feel the same someday—well, better to have it out in the open! Let her know you're not looking for that kind of relationship with her, and never will, but you really value the relationship you have and don't want to lose it. Ultimately it will be her decision whether to keep seeing you or not.

Whatever it is that's going on,

you'll never know by trying to read her mind. By talking to her about it openly and honestly, not only will you be able to sort this out one way or another, but it could give you the base you need to relax and enjoy what you have, strings-free. If it means you have to part as lovers, well, at least you can do so respectfully and clearly, with neither of you being able to say the other led them on.

Good luck!  
Jenn

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