



Lesbian Latinas Push For Coalition-Based Change

WASHINGTON, DC - Ingrid Durán believes politics can be polite, and progress is measured in inches, not miles. So perhaps that's why the president and chief executive officer of the Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute is not as well known in the Gay civil rights movement as other more vocal leaders, the Houston Voice reported.

"I'm one of those people who believes things have to be done in baby steps. You have to spoon feed people things slowly," the 36-year-old Lesbian said. "You can't just bang them over the head and say, 'Hey, you need to address this issue,' because you won't get anywhere."

She contrasted her style of activism to that of Mandy Carter, a longtime Gay civil rights activist and another Lesbian of color, who opted for what Durán termed a "confrontational" approach during the debate several years ago on the Millennium March on Washington.

"To me, that doesn't get you very far," she said. "My approach is to work through the system."

During those Millennium March debates, Carter literally cursed and cried to focus attention on a movement she said lacks diversity and increasingly is being led by white Gay men and Lesbians. Durán, a California native who completed four years in the U.S. Marines, chose instead to serve on the board that organized the Millennium March.

"I was sitting back and listening and did all my bickering to the board," she said. "I wanted to see if I could make any inroads." In retrospect, however, Durán said Carter correctly characterized the problems.

"In the end, when you saw who was coming on stage at the March, there were only a few people of color. And we had to fight to get the ones that we got up there," Durán said. "Those are some of the things that disturbed me. It just solidified for me the fact that we're still an afterthought -- as Latinos, as people of color. We're still not looked at as part of the discussion."

This perception of being excluded has often led Durán and other Latina Lesbians to do their advocacy work for the Gay civil rights movement at organizations that focus on issues beyond Gay civil rights issues.

"My work has always been through NOW," said Olga Vives, a 55-year-old activist originally from Cuba.

Vives was elected Action Vice President for the National Organization for Women during the group's national confer-

ence last summer. She describes herself as "a mother of three, an immigrant, a Lesbian, a Hispanic, an organizer and a Midwesterner." Before moving to Washington, D.C., to assume her latest role with NOW, Vives was a women's rights advocate in Illinois for decades.

Vives said Latina Lesbians face unique cultural issues that can make their fight for social justice sometimes seem removed from the traditional Gay civil rights struggle.

"In the Latina community, there are issues that are very different in the sense of the roles of women and how Lesbians are viewed," she said. "In that respect, I think there continues to be a need to dialogue among ourselves about the best way to advance our civil rights as Latina Lesbians."

"Many of us are mothers," Vives added, noting that she has two children from a heterosexual marriage and one with her Lesbian partner. "Some of us come from very conservative families. Many were underground in our own countries. So while we are all united with the Gay community, we also have our own set of challenges that are unique to our group."

Ingrid Rivera, the former senior field organizer for the Racial and Economic Justice Initiative at the Policy Institute of the National Gay & Lesbian Task Force in New York City, echoed Vives.

"Latina Lesbians come with multiple identities, and because the GLBT movement has been predominantly white, we come into it not only with a queer analysis but also we have to think about racial and, at other times, economic as well as class issues," said Rivera, who recently resigned from NGLTF to work as a consultant. "Race, economic and class issues are not factored into the queer movement."

Winnie Stachelberg, political director of the Human Rights Campaign, the largest Gay political organization nationwide, has approached Durán, among other Gays of color, to ask if they can help HRC strengthen its political ties to coalitions of color on Capitol Hill and beyond.

"There is a need for GLBT people of color to be part of this movement, and they are," Stachelberg said. "There is shared responsibility on all sides of our movement to insure that their voices are raised and heard."

Durán, who came out publicly in 1994 while working on Capitol Hill, was promoted last October to her current position at the Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute, a national, nonprofit and

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Third Annual Tucson LGBT Parade & March Announced

TUCSON (ON) - Organizers have announced that the third annual Tucson LGBT Pride March and Parade will take place Sunday, June 30, 6:00 p.m., at Fourth Avenue Park, continuing the tradition of having a Pride Parade/March in the Old Pueblo.

Participants, according to the organizers, the Lesbian Avengers and OUTrage, are being encouraged to decorate their vehicles (if they plan on participating with them) with electric lights to add to the festive atmosphere of the evening.

Organizers stated that they intend on obtaining city permits for the Pride Parade, which will run approximately \$5,000, and are asking Tucson's LGBT populace to help through sponsorships or entry fees, which are as follows:

Priscilla (Queen of the Desert) - \$1000, which includes entry fee for the float or vehicle and places your name or business on Pride Parade advertising. Your logo will also be placed on a special banner to be displayed at the after-party, (a copy-

ready logo is required with check).

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Friends of Dorothy - \$500, which includes entry fee for float or vehicle and lists your name or business on parade advertising.

Entry fees are \$200 for a parade float, \$150 for parade car or truck for businesses or organizations, and \$75 for parade cars for individuals.

If people want to just donate some money for the event, organizers stated they can do so as well. For those wanting to be included in the advertising, monies should be in by May 1, after that date, it will cost 10% more to be included in the advertising.

Make checks payable to "Lesbian Avengers," and mail them to Dace Park, POB 87214, Tucson, AZ 85754. For more information, call Dace Park, (520) 271-7438.

Web Content Law Challenged In Federal Court

PHILADELPHIA, PA - The American Civil Liberties Union and other free speech advocates squared off against the government in a Philadelphia courtroom, challenging a 2000 law which seeks to prevent children from accessing "objectionable" material online.

The Children's Internet Protection Act, or CIPA, withholds federal funds used to subsidize Internet access from libraries that fail to install filtering software on their computers. Groups such as the ACLU and the People for the American Way claim it undermines the right to free speech enshrined in the First Amendment.

Some critics charge that social conservatives in Congress are using restrictions on pornography as an excuse to curtail public access to information on a host of other subjects they find objectionable, such as sex education, abortion and Gay civil rights.

Much of the first week of testimony presented to the special three-judge panel was provided by opponents of the law -- library officials, library patrons and Web site developers who spent several days attacking the limitations of filtering software.

Inevitably, said these witnesses, the software used to block access to pornography also blocks access to benign destinations, such as general interest Gay and

Lesbian Web sites or sites that discuss ways to prevent the transmission of sexually transmitted diseases. Clearly, they say, this violates constitutional free speech guarantees.

"This law is certainly unconstitutional," Larry Ottinger, attorney for People for the American Way, said. "For many people, the library is the only place they get Internet access. If you don't provide it there, they don't get anything."

If the challenge succeeds, the court will impose a permanent injunction preventing the law from taking effect. Both sides say the case will ultimately be decided by the U.S. Supreme Court, which is slated to hear any appeal in the case.

The government's first go at controlling online content came with the 1996 Communications Decency Act, which the Supreme Court threw out as too sweeping. Its second attempt, the 1998 Child Online Protection Act, remains sidelined by an injunction. The high court is due to issue a final opinion by midyear.

Advocates say the new law avoids the potential for First Amendment violations because it does not impose Web access restrictions directly on libraries and schools but would withhold government subsidies for library Internet services.

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UPDATE

Team Arizona Establishes Scholarship Fund For Sydney Games

PHOENIX - Team Arizona, the statewide network that supports all sports - individuals and teams and who will send a team to the International Gay Games, to be held in Sydney, Australia in November of this year, has established a scholarship fund for athletes.

Team Arizona, which has proudly supported individuals for the past three Gay Games has set up a formalized process that will assist those who need financial support to cover expenses in order to participate in the Gay Games.

Since Team Arizona is a 501(c)3, non-profit corporation, donations are tax deductible. Make checks payable to "Team Arizona," and send them to POB 36431, Phoenix, AZ 85067. For more information, call (602) 408-4311 or visit their Web site at: www.teamarizona.org.

RGMC Seeking Donations For Rummage Sale

TUCSON - Reville Gay Men's Chorus (RGMC) is in need of donations for their upcoming Rummage Sale, to be held April 20.

Antiques, collectables, electronics, housewares, clothing, etc., are items Tucson's Gay men's chorus will gladly accept for their event at Jake's, 2921 N. First Avenue, Saturday, April 20, 7:00 a.m.

Please call Randy, (520) 730-5966 for pickup by April 17.

Lesbian Health Fair April 21

TUCSON - "Healthy Today's and Health Tomorrow's" is the theme for the fifth "Not So Annual" Lesbian Health Fair. Sunday, April 21, 12:30 to 5:00 p.m., at the Sentinel Building, 320 N. Commerce Park Loop.

Laura Lynn Jansen, from the Washington D.C. based Mautner Project for Lesbians, will be the keynote speaker for the event.

The Sentinel Building is located west of I-10 between St. Mary's Rd and Congress just off of Bonita Ave. There is a sliding scale admission of \$1 to \$20 to cover costs for the event. Donations are accepted and appreciated as are ideas on future projects. The Lesbian Cancer and Health Project is under the fiscal agent sponsorship of Wingspan, (520) 624-1779.

Desert Voices Concert April 6 & 7

TUCSON - Desert Voices will present their spring concert "Love," on Saturday April 6th at 8:00 p.m., and again on Sunday April 7, at 2:00 p.m. They will be lifting their voices in love at a new venue, St. Gregory's School, 3231 N. Craycroft.

The chorus will be exploring all facets of love with their sister chorus, the San Diego Women's chorus. Together these choruses will unite to bring a festive night of love songs ranging from the Renaissance to Broadway. The San Diego Women's chorus will be traveling to Tucson to charm us with their enchanting melodies and will join Desert Voices to overwhelm audiences with a tremendous choral sound.

Desert Voices is not only welcoming the San Diego Women's chorus for this concert, but they will also be doing a world premiere of a new work by Eric Helmuth. This two movement piece was inspired by poetry written by Federico Garcia Lorca and Amy Lowell whose works have touched many hearts by exploring the pain and joy of love. Eric Helmuth is a renowned composer from the Boston area who has a musical flare that adds luster to the poetry making for a real musical treat. Artistic director Keith A. Koster and Desert Voices are honored to be the first to present this breathtaking piece of music and they are eager to share it with Tucson audiences.

The "Love" concert will also feature musical morsels by Desert Voices' own women's barbershop quartet Alegria, the men's quartet Four Brothers, and Una Voz.

Concert tickets are \$12 in advance, \$10 student/senior and \$15 at the door. Tickets are available at Antigone Books, Hear's Music, Tucson Trunk, and Zip's University. A pre-concert talk by composer Eric Helmuth will be at the VIP reception for season ticket holders and donors. Questions and ticket inquiries can be answered by calling the Desert Voices hotline at (520) 791-9662.

Community Forum 'Hate Crimes' April 18

TUCSON - You're invited to attend a very special free screening and interactive discussion of the award-winning documentary, "Journey to a Hate Free Millennium," and find out what is happening in Arizona, and how you can get involved in stopping the hate!

This forum will take place, Thursday, April 18, 7:00 p.m., at Wingspan, 300 E. 6th Street.

"Journey to a Hate Free Millennium" is the inspirational award-winning documentary that seeks solutions to the horrible hate crimes that have become frequent events in our daily lives. This stirring and powerful film examines the vicious murder of Matthew Shepard, a Gay college student in Wyoming; the horrendous dragging death of James Byrd, Jr., an African American man in Texas; and the unfathomable shootings by high school students at Columbine High School in Littleton, Colorado. Sharing their thoughts in this film through exclusive interviews are Judy and Dennis Shepard, the family of slain Columbine High School student Rachael Scott, reformed neo Nazi Skinhead, T.J. Leyden, as well as students, teachers, and celebrities such as Elton John, John Dye, and others moved by these events. This film not only asks the question why, but begs to find answers, and invites the viewer to create their own vision of the new millennium, where senseless acts of violence and hate are a thing of the past.

For more information, please call Wingspan, (520) 624-1779 or email cathy@wingspanaz.org.

Care Consortium Presentation April 17

TUCSON (ON) - "Approaches to Substance Abuse Treatment for People with HIV/AIDS," a health education presentation of the Pima County HIV/AIDS CARE Consortium, will take place, Wednesday, April 17, 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. at the Family Practice Office Building, 1450 N. Cherry.

For more information call Jay Moman, HIV/AIDS Program Assistant, (520) 770-0800, Ext. 119

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Condoms or No Condoms - Does One Size Fit All?

by Ryan Gierach

Milton stood with a booted foot on the fire pit and a cigarette hanging coolly from his mouth, his T-shirt hanging too from a back pocket in the cool Southern California night. "I never, let me repeat that for you so you get it right, I never use a condom," he said. He turned away to retreat into his favorite sex club.

Jamie lives in a Northern California city, next to a bay, and has been HIV positive for 12 years, since he was 22. "I barebacked because I had the biggy - what could hurt me more than HIV? Was I wrong. When I started getting the eruptions in my [rectum], I hoped I would die - the pain was that bad," he said. "It got so bad I stopped eating because that meant [defecating]; I lost 40 pounds and landed in the hospital with now full-blown AIDS and dehydration. All because of chlamydia, who the f--k ever heard of chlamydia?"

Increasingly it is clear that men who have sex with men (MSM) are shunning safer sex practices that were credited with bringing down transmission rates of HIV. Past information on the phenomenon was only anecdotal, but is now empirical with the release of the first quantitative study defining and describing the prevalence of barebacking. Gordon Mansergh, behavioral scientist with Centers for Disease Control (CDC), was lead researcher for the San Francisco study, released in early March. Mansergh's partner in the study was Grant Colfax, of San Francisco's Department of Public Health.

Researchers took great pains to tightly define the subject of barebacking and also to reach out to a diverse set of ethnic groups. "We defined barebacking as

a socio-cultural phenomenon and were interested in talking only to those who had heard or knew the term barebacking," said Colfax. Seventy percent of the people the surveyors approached had heard about barebacking. "We further defined the term for them at that point, to mean intentionally setting out to have anal sex without a condom with someone who was not a primary partner," said Mansergh. The idea was to separate the wheat of the willful barebacker from the chaff of the situational barebacker of those who do it inside a monogamous relationship.

What Mansergh and Colfax found surprised them. "Only 14 percent who knew of the term acknowledged barebacking in the past two years," Colfax said. "Some had supposed as many as 60 percent of the MSM community were involved."

Even given the fact that subjects interviewed self-reported whether the barebacked and how often, resulting in under reporting, the size of the bareback community gave researchers pause. "From a cultural standpoint, there is a relatively small number of acknowledged hard-core barebackers," said Mansergh. "However, epidemiologically speaking, when we see ever-widening pools of infection stemming from just a few sources of transmission, 14 percent is very significant." The researchers also uncovered an important difference in barebacking when sero-status was factored in. "Twenty two percent of barebackers reported they were HIV positive," said Mansergh of study participants. "Ten percent who bareback were negative."

As to the reasons why they barebacked, an overwhelming number of men -

four in five - credited the greater physical sensation condomless sex gives them. "Condoms just don't feel good," Milton said on the sex club patio. Dr. Peter Kerndt, of Los Angeles' Department of Health Services STD Control branch, said, "There are experiments being conducted to create better feeling condoms - larger sizes and all. But the reality is those are years away."

Another 40 percent of men chalked their barebacking up to seeking more intimacy, giving rise to calls for new and more effective prevention messages that include relationship training and reduction in the number of sexual partners. "We must take a holistic approach to gay men's health," said Eric Rofes, main organizer for the annual Gay, Lesbian, Bi-sexual, Transgender, and Intersex Health Summit. "Telling men to use condoms as the only line of defense no longer works." Public health officials note with alarm that many STDs can spread easily while practicing both protected and unprotected sex, and can increase HIV transmission or acquisition. And co-infection with HIV and many STDs can be particularly dangerous, according to the medical experts.

"Human Papillomavirus (HPV) has been shown to cause anal cancers, and more so in HIV positive men," said Dr. Ken Mayer of Fenway Community Health Clinic in Boston. "The STDs like anal or throat gonorrhea, anal syphilis and anal chlamydia often go undiagnosed because the symptoms are hard to detect," Mayer said. "When that happens and HIV is present, there will be far greater physical consequences, such as in chlamydia [or herpes], where tremendous and painful

anal eruptions can develop along other more serious rectal problems." While chlamydia is curable if detected, herpes is not and the painful sores are often recurring.

Hepatitis C can be transmitted through oral to fecal contact - rimming. In a significant percentage of cases the Hep C can cause fatal liver disease. "Hep C is horrible for those with HIV," said Mayer. "Co-infection of HIV and Hep C makes each disease progress faster and them more difficult to treat."

John Copeland, head of prevention and education at LA Shanti, an AIDS service organization in Los Angeles, said new prevention messages must include condoms, but also a comprehensive discussion of STDs and intimacy. "We need real sex education for everyone," he said.

"Look," he said, "people are going to bareback.... The question we face is how do we teach people to use negotiated safety techniques and about sexual health in general? The federal government ought to sponsor anti-homophobia campaigns across the nation. We should be teaching sexual health that includes negotiated safety to parents and in the schools, and we would do well to promote gay marriage as disease prevention. Yes, of course continue to talk about condom use; but let's face reality. Where human sexual behavior is in question, one size does not fit all."



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PFLAG-Wavin' Mama

Part Two

by Andy Scahill
"Out In America" Editor

[EDITOR'S NOTE: This is the conclusion of a very interesting interview with actress Sharon Gless and her prominent role in one of the hottest cable network shows around, "Queer As Folk". Before taking a plane to Toronto to film another episode of QAF, Gless took time to talk to Andy Scahill, Editor of "Out In America" interview.]

strangers, that I am Gay," then I have to play that dynamic. Because he is her focus.

AS: Now in the series, you've got a current storyline about Michael dating an HIV+ man, and Debbie has taken an over-protective kind of stance.

SG: Yeah, there's been a lot of flack about that. Some people have been appalled that Debbie would take that stance. We were at an event in L.A. where we were being honored and there was a man in the audience who was very upset about Debbie Novotny, of all people, taking this stance. And I said, "You have to understand that QAF does not tie everything up in a pink ribbon. This is real life." I said, "You're right, no one is more the champion for Gay rights than Debbie, but now what has happened is, you're talking about her kid. And now all bets are off."

Y'know, she's not the saint that you all thought she was. She's afraid of losing her child, so she's gone... crazed. But apparently it's been very upsetting to people that Debbie would take this position.

AS: Some of that emotion may come from Debbie being the kind of poster-mom for Gays—to show her character flaws can be upsetting.

SG: But good writing. Y'know, she's human. She's flawed.

AS: How have you handled the extreme fanatic following that it's gotten in the Gay community?

SG: Oh, it's been very nice for me. But it can be overwhelming for some of the kids. Some of them can't even go anywhere anymore. Like specific Gay areas of town, they say it's difficult now to be anonymous and to have a life. But I always enjoy it—I like people coming up and talking to me, it's nice to know the show has impact, that's why I wanted to do the role. Young men come up and ask for a hug, and I like it. It's a perk.

AS: Are you surprised at the show's fan base of straight women?

SG: That's the phenomenon of the show! There are fifty percent more viewers now, and they're straight women. My husband says, "Sharon, why are you surprised? There's not a straight man who wouldn't like to see two women go at it. It's every man's fantasy. So why wouldn't straight women like to see two guys?" Especially young men as adorable as these guys.

AS: I heard that you met the founder of PFLAG (Parents, Families and Friends of Gays and Lesbians). What was that like for you?

SG: Yeah, last year at a premiere in L.A., she got up and spoke. And she was so lovely and so dignified, with pearls... and I had to go over to her and say, "I hope you're not offended by the way I am portraying." And she said, "Not at all." I thought, seeing how beautiful she was and then how Debbie is just... outrageous. And she said, "No Sharon, it's the heart."

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But in getting pregnant, and having no one to help her, she never could realize her dream. She just kept waiting, which is probably something that she did in high school, on weekends, and she just had to stay there. Her dreams were gone, but this incredible gift, Michael, was given to her. So she made him her life, sometimes to a fault. So everything centers around who he is and who he loves. But the nice thing is that she got this whole family--she's got all these boys.

But there's a lot of pain there, which I think she's dealt with and has moved on. Debbie does what she needs to do, for herself and for those around her. And what I've noticed is that she has no life. I mean, that is her life, but there's nothing there for her. But they do something nice for her this season, you'll see.

AS: Does Debbie get a love interest?

SG: If I tell, then you don't need to see it!

AS: Well, she does deserve one.

SG: [laughs] You see, I have this whole other back-story for Debbie—who I think she is. I think that if she does have an affair with somebody, she doesn't want Michael to know about it. I think there's a double standard about Debbie. She's the hippest mom in town, but for herself, that's not ladylike. Like I think that Debbie sneaks a cigarette behind the cafe at the diner, but she would never walk down a street with one—that wouldn't be ladylike. I have all these mores that she has, about how things are done for her and then for the kids.

AS: Many Gay people get annoyed at the way that Michael treats Debbie—she's the mother of our dreams!

SG: Yeah. But maybe, as Hal feels, that Debbie is just too involved. And he does have a legitimate gripe that she tells everyone about her Gay son. And he doesn't have the courage yet to be out. And until they write a scene where he says, "Ma, you may no longer say, in front of complete

POLITICS 2002

By Mark R. Kiser

'Less Than 70 Days 'Till Filing'

As previously reported first, in this column, the redistricting efforts for the State of Arizona to draw new Congressional and State Legislative district boundaries had hit a snag bigger than the iceberg which sunk the Titanic in 1912, thanks to delays by the Independent Redistricting Commission, which had the duty of creating the maps, thanks to a ballot initiative approved by voters in 2000, of more than 80-days in submitting both sets of maps and all of the appropriate paperwork to the U.S. Justice Department Civil Rights Division, which reviews all proposed election law changes (including political maps), to make sure the state is in compliance with the Voting Rights Act, passed in 1965, to protect the rights of minorities to go to the polls and vote.

Through the actions, or lack thereof by the Commission, the Justice Department had a lot of questions about both maps, the 60-day clock for which the feds had to act, started in late January 2002, pushing the time-frame for deadlines to circulate/file petitions and raise money up against the proverbial wall, raising the question of which maps would be used for the 2002 election, and whether Arizona would lose the two additional seats in the U.S. House gained by the results from the 2000 federal census conducted.

Also thrown in Arizona's "political pot" are the two lawsuits filed over the new federal and state political boundaries raised even more questions.

Since voters had approved (in 2000) a measure requiring a commission, and not the Arizona Legislature, to draw up the lines, it wouldn't be as simple as it happened after the 1990 census, where a court ruled that the new maps, then drawn up by the state legislature, would be used but would be altered in the next legislative session. Had an initiative that was approved by the voters been violated is the question to be answered.

With all that, and the June 12 filing deadline fast approaching, what was going to happen?

On Thursday, March 28, federal voting-rights officials endorsed Arizona's new congressional map, so the Congressional Campaign could commence, however, for the state legislative map, it's another story, and one still with no ending.

Questions still abound for the feds about the new lines for Arizona's 30 state legislative districts and are we not surprised since in Pima County alone, 67 of the 406 precincts had been dissected, including Mount Lemmon, with all 106 voters. The maps have lines marked as streets and river beds where there are really none.

Even more questions still abound for:

Elections officials, both on the county and state levels are stressing about this, since new voter registration cards need to be sent out to the voters, showing what new political districts they are now in, and polling place needed to be obtained and then there are the early ballots to consider as well; Political parties, who are frustrated, unable to proceed with the inevitable work of a legislative campaign; and, candidates, new and incumbent, are freaking out, since they have been getting signatures (some by

overlapping and old and new maps, getting signatures in specific areas, and smartly not putting the district they're running in on the petitions at this time) and raising money for their bids for offices in districts which may not exist.

This past week, the Justice Department said it wants more information about voting precincts and election results involving minority candidates, which means they have another sixty days to act and giving election officials and candidates, new and incumbent, less than two weeks, if all goes according to plan, to get their signatures and file because the deadline will remain the same. ...

Going from the ridiculous to the sublime, an item crossed the Observer desk about an upcoming "Meet the Candidate" forum being held, April 10, in Phoenix.

This soiree, according to the notice, is being sponsored by the National Lesbian and Gay Journalists Association - Arizona Chapter (NLGJA-AZ), a group which purports to be an organization of journalists, online media professionals and students that works from within the journalism industry to foster fair and accurate coverage of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender issues (Oh, really?!), and according to it's current leader, Stacy Sullivan, who is a reporter for the Arizona Republic, that ever-so Gay friendly rag, "it's important that voters know as much as possible about candidates for elected office so they can make informed decisions."

Whom are they kidding?! Especially since the Republic ran a series of anti-Gay stories about Tempe's openly Gay Mayor, Neil Giuliano, during the United Way/Boy Scout Funding controversy and the recall campaign against the popular Giuliano, playing up the candidacy of some second-rate actor as a political force to be reckoned with. Citing another example, Phoenix's daily newspaper also ran stories last year, on openly Gay state Representative Steve May, R-Paradise Valley, one of which had a photograph of May crouching down by a bust of Abe Lincoln, which sits in his legislative office, May looking one way and the bust another. Of course there are the stories written by the Republic, as well, on Phoenix's Pride parade and festival, especially last year's, which featured pictures of drag queens and people donned in leather.

Tucson's morning daily, rag, the Arizona Daily Star isn't innocent either on this front, especially with their prize-winning story on the Tucson Fire Fighter situation, where the reporter wrote that misdemeanors are covered under Arizona's Hate Crimes Law, and the openly Gay editor of the Tucson/Region section of the paper, who is the outgoing head of Wingspan, let the story run, despite the fact that prior stories on the Tucson Fire Fighter situation had run in the Star, in his section, stating otherwise.

Yes, it is indeed important for voters to know as much as possible about the candidates for elected office so that they can make informed decisions. It is also something that NLGJA-AZ members should follow, as well as report on and make sure that information gets into the publication they work for, instead of the usual blather and hypocrisy for which this group purports to work against but the jury's still out on that.

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Concerned Citizens Plan Peaceful Action To Correct Focus On The Family's Misinformation

PHOENIX - "Out In Love," a coalition of clergy, mental health professionals, Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender and heterosexual individuals and organizations, have scheduled a peaceful protest outside of the "Love Won Out" an anti-Gay workshop, being presented by Focus on the Family (FOTF) on April 6.

"The rally and protest is being planned to expose and refute the lies, half-truths and prevent the pain that FOTF will bring to the Valley of the Sun," stated Loe, Executive Director of Arizona Human Rights Fund, one of the GLBT organizations that is coordinating the event. "This anti-Gay propaganda is bad for Arizona politics, businesses, communities and families."

Focus on the Family's misinformation:

FOTF presents a small group of purported "ex-Gays" as evidence that homosexuality can be overcome. However, they provide no credible sources of data to support this idea.

FOTF uses selective interpretation of the bible, and questionable research by "experts" to promote the idea that homosexuality is a disease that requires a transformative cure.

At the conference, FOTF will provide "answers" to questions like "is it genetic?" "what is being taught in schools?" "what causes homosexuality?" "what should the church's stance be?" "what are Gay rights and minority issues?"

"Our community is hurt by the ignorance and intolerance promulgated at conferences such as this. We are especially alarmed by the fact that FOTF teaches that being Gay or Lesbian is a disease, with the specific aim of preventing and treating it in children, teens and adults, who struggle with their faith issues and sexual orienta-

tion. Suppressing one's sexual orientation is a choice; however, promoting that sexual deprogramming is possible is scientifically incorrect, unhealthy and misguided" states Loe.

Action Items Requested from
Individuals and Groups:

Send letter to Focus on the Family requesting that they not do the training, address below.

Send letter to Focus on the Family requesting a meeting while they are on in town; Janet Manno, Love Won Out, c/o Focus on the Family, 8605 Explorer Drive, Colorado Springs, CO 80995, or fax them at (719) 531-9424

Participate in the protest by making signs and peacefully marching the day of the workshop

Speak at the rally, tell your story about spiritual abuse.

Provide literature from your organization.

Conduct outreach to clergy before during and after protest to educate them on our issues, and

Distribute e-mails to your friends and other organizations and be a media contact.

The peaceful protest and rally will be held Saturday, April 6, 7:00 a.m. to noon, across from the Bethany Bible Church, 6060 N. 7th Avenue, Phoenix, AZ (NW Corner of Bethany Home and 7th Ave) - park in the adjacent neighborhood or take Valley Metro bus line #8 or #60. Please plan on attending the planning meeting or the prep meeting. If not, please RSVP for further information: talk with Dilia or Kristen @ AHRF (602) 650.0900 or ahrinfo@ahr.org, or E-mail cathy@wingspanaz.org.

Finding The Success In You

PHOENIX - Success may be just around the corner. Now, the Phoenix community has a rare opportunity to tap into the secrets of one of the Valley's biggest success stories.

On Tuesday, April 23, Terri Bowersock, nationally renown business woman and motivational speaker, will share her experiences and vision for success at a one-hour seminar at Community Church of Hope.

Bowersock is the founder and owner of Terri's Consign & Design Furnishings, Inc, a multimillion dollar chain of stores stretching from coast to coast. Overcoming the challenges of a third-grade reading level due to dyslexia, she started out in 1979 with only \$2,000 and built it into a \$26 million fortune. Most recently, she has developed four more highly successful businesses, among them a thriving publishing and speaking business.

Over the past nine years, Bowersock has shared her knowledge and experience with thousands of people seeking to fulfill their own dreams of success in every corner of the country. Her audiences have encompassed a broad spectrum of participants from all walks of life: corporate professionals, entrepreneurs, associations, schools, governments and charities. Her enthusiastic keynotes and seminars have motivated audiences ranging from 30 to

4,000 participants.

Oprah Winfrey has recognized the value of Terri's experience and her willingness to share her story saying, "Terri really knows the secrets to realize her dreams." Inc. Magazine called Bowersock, "One of the hottest entrepreneurs in America."

From day one, Bowersock said, her philosophy has been, "If you believe in yourself, you can do anything."

Besides running four successful businesses, Bowersock also is active on the boards of the Orton Dyslexia Society, Habitat for Humanity and she devotes time to the Rainbow Ways Inn for learning disabled youth. "I want to run a great company, but I also want to be an inspiration to people who may doubt their own potential," she said.

Bowersock's book entitled Success: It Can Be Yours! chronicles her climb to success and gives readers tips to achieve their own goals. Her latest venture, Success by Mapping, is a hands-on tool designed to motivate anyone with dreams and desires. She also authored and published a guide used in teaching people to read and spell called The Spelling Map.

Registration for Bowersock's April
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Mama's Boys	29.0	6.0
Bernadette's Peter	28.0	7.0
Gutter Snipes	26.0	9.0
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Erratica 6	17.0	18.0
Hardwhere?	17.0	18.0
Big Ballers	16.0	19.0
Beat Around The Bush	16.0	19.0
Tres Amigos	16.0	19.0
Gay Divorcees	13.0	22.0
One Is-Two Ain't	13.0	22.0
Even-Stevens	7.0	28.0
Sleaze Bearz	7.0	28.0

SEASON ACHIEVEMENTS

High Average: Bernadette's Peter, 595; JoAnn S., 174; Erick J., 216.

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High Game Scratch: Bernadette's Peter, 725; Keith D., 289; Heather H., 279.

High Series Handicap: Bernadette's Peter, 2186; Dave F., 799; Heather H., 806.

High Game Handicap: Bernadette's Peter, 798; Heather H., 329; Jack S., 307.

Lesbian Latinas

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non-partisan organization that focuses on developing young Latino political leaders. The institute is an arm of the Congressional Hispanic Caucus.

In that post, she said she has worked to get Hispanic Congress members to address issues related to HIV/AIDS. Her hope is that CHC members might also be supportive on federal legislation such as the Employment Non-Discrimination Act.

HRC was a sponsor in 2000 of the institute's annual fund-raising gala, and Durán said the Gay political organization had agreed to do so again in September 2001. But the gala was canceled because of the terrorist attacks Sept. 11.

Durán said HRC officials have expressed interest in working with the Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute

beyond being an event sponsor. The hope is that HRC can build stronger ties with members of the Congressional Hispanic Caucus, like they continue to do with the Congressional Black Caucus.

"I said, 'If you guys need some help, I would be more than happy to open some doors,'" Durán said.

Web Content Law

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Computer analyst Chris Lemmons testified that the filtering software he tested blocked only small portions of sites that contained no objectionable material. Judges suggested, however, that the sites he chose for his study may have been too innocuous to provide useful guidance to the court.

"You didn't run anything that said 'queer,' 'butch' or 'dyke'?" one judge asked?

"No, your honor," said Lemmons.

Four filtering programs tested blocked 10 of 99 innocuous sites, he said, including one devoted to condom sales and another dealing with Gay issues as they related to the Bible.

Since 1999, the government has provided more than \$880 million to public libraries under the Library Service and Technology Act, according to the American Library Association, which opposes the law. The group says the loss of that support could cause small public libraries to shut off Internet service altogether, eliminating Web access to poor people for whom the library is the only Internet portal.

"Our perspective is that for all of us to govern ourselves effectively, we need access to information, and it's not up to the government to say what that information is," said Judith Krug, director of the Office for Intellectual Freedom at the American Library Association, which represents about 3,000 libraries.

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COCHISE	117,755	105,671	86	89	92	56	55	55	0	
COCONINO	116,320	108,381	80	81	82	44	46	45	3	
GILA	51,395	42,845	19	20	20	7	7	7	1	
GRAHAM	33,489	29,094	18	19	22	12	11	14	0	
GREENLEE	8,547	8,617	3	3	3	2	2	2	0	
LA PAZ	19,715	15,522	14	15	15	5	4	6	0	
MARICOPA	3,072,149	2,399,600	5134	5281	5458	3441	3538	3723	201	
MOHAVE	155,032	116,523	122	128	128	66	66	66	4	
NAVAJO	94,470	84,150	30	31	31	20	20	20	2	
PIMA	843,748	751,311	1512	1584	1627	955	996	1009	59	
PINAL	179,727	128,820	117	132	138	78	80	84	6	
SANTA CRUZ	38,381	33,340	22	23	23	8	11	11	1	
YAVAPAI	167,517	123,894	83	91	95	56	59	62	0	
YUMA	160,026	120,827	91	94	945	51	54	57	4	
UNKNOWN			2	2	2	1	1	2	0	
TOTALS	5,129,632	4,134,894	7355	7813	7851	4267	4806	4954	5170**	286

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BY C. LICHTENSTEIN

April knocks on our door this week and I am ready! The Sun, Mercury and Venus stampede across the border from pioneering Aries into bulldozer Taurus. All these planets will eventually make excellent aspects to expansive and lucky Jupiter. If we ever needed an excuse to get out there and rope them in, this is the time! No excuses, cowpokes!

ARIES

MARCH 21 - APRIL 20

Early April brings a burst of pride for proud Rams. Allow your best efforts room to breathe and fly, set new projects on the path to success with a combination of Gay moxie and a bit of elbow grease. By the 21st, your mind and heart should be firmly fixated on fiscal security. Money may not buy happiness but it can buy sordid fun thanks to Jupiter. So where do I sign up?

TAURUS

APRIL 21 - MAY 21

What do Sun, Mercury and Venus have in common? Through April they are helping you become a better person. Use this superb energy to volunteer for a great Gay cause and make a difference in our community. By the 21st, pink Bulls become a bit more self serving. With Jupiter providing the impetus, use your charm to further your most important cause - yeah, you.

GEMINI

MAY 22 - JUNE 21

Queer Twins are in the center of the social swim so grab your favorite inflatable and jump right in. It's reckless abandon! Pals squeeze your juice. Will you be shaken or stirred? By the 21st, attention must be given to more altruistic pursuits. Maybe it's possible, with the help of Jupiter, to raise even more money than expected for a charitable cause. No, not for your trip to Maui.

CANCER

JUNE 22 - JULY 23

All career efforts in pay off thanks to Sun, Mercury and Venus in Aries. Cash in on as much good will and achievement as you can and use it to fund long term goals. If you've been feeling like a rat on a treadmill you may see an opening in that cage door after the 21st. After that, and with the help of Jupiter, start implementing a new direction for yourself. Start with up.

LEO

JULY 24 - AUGUST 23

If that mane has been looking a little frayed at the edges, you should consider an escape from the drain of everyday life in early April. Proud Lions can really benefit from a vacation now. Rest up cousin; by the 21st, professional obligations come into the fore and you have to be ready for battle. Lucky Jupiter gives you a lucky leg up when you really need it. Or is it a paw up?

VIRGO

AUGUST 24 - SEPTEMBER 23

Quiet queer Virgins feel a burst of sexual stimulation as Sun, Venus and Mercury rub into Aries. Feast and be merry cousin. The antics continue through the end of the month when all these planets urge you to escape far afield and seek adventure. Thankfully, Jupiter conspires to make a lover out of one of your closest friends. Explore parts unknown with a compadre.

LIBRA

SEPTEMBER 24 - OCTOBER 23

Gay Libras can use their considerable charm to cement and solidify relationships all through April. Take the hint; Sun, Mercury and Venus show you how to make your partner feel special and adored. For those on the prowl, early April is a great time to showcase your considerable talents. After the 21st you can either sell tickets or give a personal performance for an audience of one.

SCORPIO

OCTOBER 24 - NOVEMBER 22

You are given a rare opportunity to finish off any long standing detailed work related project in early April. Don't hesitate to do what is necessary to get the job done... now! After the 21st, all the planets turn your attention to more pleasant outlets. Be on your best behavior proud Scorp; it takes two to tango and your dance card could use a few more interesting names on it.

SAGITTARIUS

NOVEMBER 23 - DECEMBER 22

Early April unleashes your Gay muse and lets it run wilde! Not a moment too soon queer Archer. The planets know that you have been working too hard and need a rollicking partyfest now more than ever. Party hearty, pardner. After the 21st, all bets are off as job commitments begin to rear their ugly heads again. Beat the beasts back as best as you can for one last bash before May.

CAPRICORN

DECEMBER 23 - JANUARY 20

Concentrate on perfecting your home surroundings in April. It is a great time to renovate and redecorate. Pink Caps also hanker to set the record queer with family. Go for it when Sun, Venus and Mercury guide your goals, emotions and thoughts on doing what needs to be done. Be sure to show off all your efforts after the 21st. Jupiter even provides an especially appreciative audience...

AQUARIUS

JANUARY 21 - FEBRUARY 19

Eloquence is your middle name so speak Out to be heard. With the Sun, Mercury and Venus in Aries, you have an opportunity to blend personal goals, emotions and ideas together in perfect harmony to carry the rainbow banner forward. Of course, by the 21st you may be more interested in quietly entertaining good friends at home. Relax. All work and no play makes Aquarians dull warriors.

PISCES

FEBRUARY 20 - MARCH 20

Count your pennies and invest them wisely in early April. The planets encourage all Guppies to cement the foundations of their dreams so they can build their life's work on solid ground. All that you value is held up for inspection so decide what is gold and what is dross. By the 21st, you are anxious to express a few well thought opinions. Jupiter hands you a microphone. Sing Out!

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NOTES FROM THE FOR-REAL SIDE

By Lee Palmer

'Rust and the Naked Cinder Block'

When people think of the history of Tucson residential architecture, which is seldom, they think of Josias Joesler, the celebrated hack who gave us imitation English Tudor, imitation Spanish Colonial, and imitations of half a dozen other styles.

Fasten your seat belts, Tucson; at long last we may be getting a Tucson architecture that isn't an imitation of anything, original designs by architects who are based here and were trained here, Page Repp and Sitara Wilson, both recent graduates of the University of Arizona's School of Architecture.

Three excellent examples of their firm's work are an art gallery at 441 E. Grant, and residences at 1125 N. 13th and 1419 E. Blackledge. Repp Construction can be reached at 791-7035, and they'll gladly provide a list of their Tucson projects. The three noted above all produce the same powerful effect, that of seeing the most elegant possible solution to a very difficult math problem. Viewing them gives you a wonderful "Ah ha." sensation that comes without the tedious calculations that such epiphanies generally require.

Along with the elegance, the buildings convey the impression of extreme simplicity and precision, the simplicity not resulting from paring something down but from a concept perfectly achieved.

Although all three buildings are beautiful, one's first response to their striking and surprising appearance is more likely to be "How cool!" than "How beautiful."

The choices of materials for the projects are fascinating. (If the buildings weren't spectacular, the choices wouldn't even be interesting.) They all feature bare naked cinder block, a material as ubiquitous in modern construction as plywood, but, like plywood, one that's nearly always hidden away under paint or stucco or siding. When asked what gave him the idea to expose his cinder block, Page Repp said that he thought it "looked good by itself." He's proven that, in the hands of a brilliant architect, it can look great by itself.

An even more surprising choice of material - rusting metal. In an industry where vinyls and chemical foams are constantly being developed to make building materials last longer, the choice of rusting metal as a design element is breathtakingly contrarian. Repp points out that in Tucson's dry climate rusting metal's effect is more dramatic than practical. He explains that it rusts a lot at first but then, for all practical purposes, virtually stops because of the dryness.

But it does have drama. The gurus of THIS OLD HOUSE - Tom, Norm, and Steve - would faint dead away.

Brightly colored seamed metal roofing is another interesting choice, especially when it's used as an entrance facade instead of as roofing. And when it comes to painted surfaces, the firm's palette can best be described as "Duck!"

For anyone who's spent a significant amount of time in self-deprecating Tucson, it is wonderfully gratifying and startling to see Tucson-trained professionals making a uniquely Tucsonic statement, and one of such genius and boldness!

Makes you want to scream, "Go, Repp, Go!"

The firm's current project is a three-bedroom house being built on spec at 1553 N. Plaza De Lirios, a deliriously difficult address to find a bit west of Speed way and Greasewood. The price range is 300,000 to 400,000. On March 26th, it was far enough along to know for sure that it would be hugely original and dramatic, but not finished enough to render a final aesthetic judgment.

Go, Repp, Go!

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

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EDITOR:

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who made the reactivation of the Share Bears a huge success. During February and March, Share Bears raised \$423.60 for emergency assistance to clients of the Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation (SAAF).

One hundred percent of these monies will go to directly support clients of SAAF for emergency needs not covered by any other available funding sources.

Thank you to Jake's, IBT's, and Woody's for hosting Share Bears' volunteers during February and March. And thank you to Venture-N, who has agreed to participate in this ongoing program. Your support truly makes a difference in the lives of those affected by HIV/AIDS. Special thanks to bar patrons who gave so generously.

Thank you to Ty Artis, volunteer extraordinaire, who got this program started again. You did a fantastic job!

Share Bears' volunteers will be out in the participating bars again this weekend. Thank you in advance for your ongoing support.

If anyone is interested in volunteering for the Share Bear program, please contact Kathie at SAAF (520) 628-7223.

Thank you again everyone.

Sincerely,
Anne Maley
Executive Director SAAF
Tucson, AZ

EDITORIAL NOTE

The Observer had received several letters, from both sides, regarding the controversy surrounding the recent Miss Carousel contest. Each of the protagonists took their opportunity and have written their "two cents worth" on the matter and this publication will not print any more letters or what-so-ever on the topic, since mudslinging and finger pointing have been the only result of what transpired.

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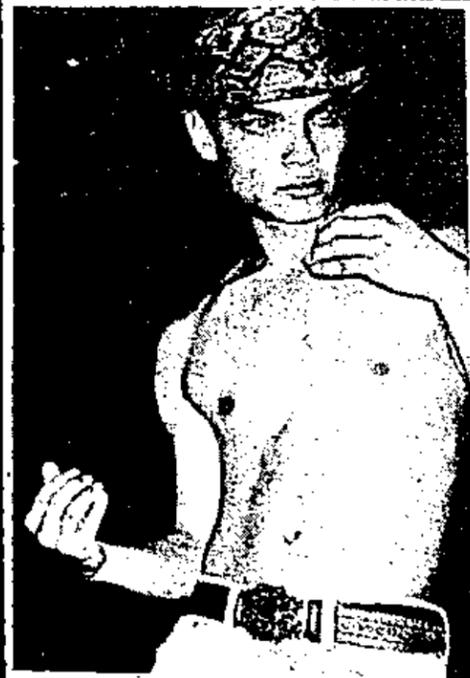
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PFLAG-Wavin' Mama

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representing that area right now. I like to be on the ground floor.

AS: Well, Cagney & Lacey was yet another groundbreaking series for its portrayals.

SG: Definitely. We had more trouble on that show than we do for QAF. We were thrown off the air three times! For some reason, some people could not accept two women starring in a drama together, which had never been done. Women and minorities have always been considered amusing. Y'know, this is the first time that a serious drama has been done about the Gay community.

The same thing with Cagney & Lacey—women and minorities were always considered funny and they were in sitcoms together. This is the first time that they had two women really dealing with real issues. I mean, NYPD Blue is basically Cagney & Lacey in drag—they'd never written a cop show where two men sit around and talked about their feelings. Cagney & Lacey started all of that.

So, with the men running the studio, it made it a little uneasy. Actually, the head of CBS now is the one who ended our tenure there because he told us he always hated Cagney & Lacey.

AS: How nice. Did you ever feel pressure from the studio execs that the show seemed "too Lesbian"?

SG: At the very beginning, some writer in TV Guide made some reference to them being Lesbian. But I was the third Cagney, so that happened before I got there. But that was the feeling. But the largest part of my fan base was Lesbians, and I loved it. And people said, "Oh good, here comes Sharon, she's blonde and she'll add femininity to the show." And I said, "Watch me."

So they all kind of laid in wait for the blonde to show up, thinking it was going to turn into some kind of pussy show. And I said, "Not while I'm here." But I had to live that down later.

Finding Success

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23rd, 7:30 to 8:30 p.m., "Finding the Success in You" seminar is \$15 per person. Additionally, Bowersock is donating 100 percent of the evening's proceeds to the Building Fund for Community Church of Hope, 4400 N. Central Ave. Preregistration is encouraged, as the event may sell out. For more information or to register, call (602) 234-2180.

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AS: Did the plotline surrounding Cagney's alcoholism help? That was some good dramatic work.

SG: Yeah, we had the luxury of playing that for over two years before the downfall. You see sometimes in these episodic TV shows where the actor wants their Emmy that year and all of the sudden the character's an alcoholic, and you think, what the fuck is that? It's not something that happens overnight.

AS: And then that plotline extended to the television movies that ran in 90's.

SG: You mean "The Menopause Years"?

AS: [laughs] "The Menopause Years"? Is that what you called them?

SG: We did! They were called "Cagney & Lacey: The Menopause Years".

AS: Any chance there's going to be a Post-Menopause Years?

SG: Not now that the network has killed it. You can kill an arena—we made four of them. The first one was the highest-rated movie of the year on all four networks. The second one was switched to Tuesday night, so the numbers weren't as high, but they still sent us flowers and said "We've never seen numbers like this on a Tuesday." Then that president left, and the new president came in and he hated the show, so he buried it. Without any publicity, he put the third one opposite the World Series. He allowed for no publicity. Then he put the second on up against the American Music Awards with no publicity. But when you have that kind of power, you can ruin a franchise. And then no one wants to touch it.

AS: Has that soured you towards network television at all?

SG: Yeah, it's mean. It's not very nice.

AS: I take it working for cable is a completely different experience.

SG: Oh, I love it. I like working for the networks because they pay you well, but I like working for cable because you can say anything that you want—I love the freedom of the mouth that Debbie has.

AS: Are you and Tyne Daly still close?

SG: Very. Oh yeah, very. We have such a history, no two women have gone through what we've gone through for so many years. There's a special thing that happens—we'll never forget, and I always know she'll be there for me, and I will, too.

AS: It must be nice to see her on a show that's also doing so well.

SG: Oh sure. She's the best. She's been the best wherever she goes, I think. She has the Midas touch—they're lucky to have her.

AS: What did Tyne say when you took the QAF part?

SG: I called her and told her. I said, "Are you watching my show?" She said, "Yes, I'm watching it!" I said, "Can you believe these actors, these kids, how good they are? I don't remember us being that good at their age." She said, "Yeah, yeah we were." [laughs]

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Dear Dr. X:

I feel like I'm growing apart from my friends. I enjoy going to the bar and hanging out with them, but now it feels like that's all we do. It's gotten to the point where they are calling on a Monday night to go drinking. I have a full time job and can't and don't want to do this every night. When I don't go I'm looked at like a chump. I have this horrible vision of all of us at the bar in our 50s hitting on the IBT's security guards and making dirty jokes. This is not who I want to be. What should I do?

Signed,
 Socially Bored

Dear Porn Widow:

First, you need to realize that billions of dollars are spent on porn every year. For a lot of people it's not so much the sex acts that they are looking at, but rather it's the different people in the porn videos that hold the attraction. Can you honestly tell me you've never seen a gorgeous guy at the mall and not wonder what he looks like naked and whether he would be a top or a bottom? It's the same thing your boyfriend is doing. He's probably looking at the guys in the film because, as every red-blooded American fag knows, ...Pornstars are HOT!!

It's cool that your willing to do what you see in the videos, but that may not be what he wants. You need to talk to your boyfriend and express your concern. You may find out that watching it together will get you more turned on and more into your sex life. Why don't you and your boyfriend take a little trip to Fascinations or a sex shop together? This is a way to show your partner that you can support his interests and you can be more open to other experiences. As for cheating on you, would you rather have him in your bed watching videos, or in your bed with someone else?

[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.]

Dear Socially Bored:

You have every right to say no to going out. If you don't want to go out, say so!

It is not worth getting in trouble at work because you went out with friends on a Monday night. If you want to hang with your friends go rent a video, go see a movie, or go to dinner. OMG There is so much for you to do with your friends outside of the bar. If you do not want to go out simply tell them you're not feeling up to it, or if your friends are really persistent, lie! Tell them you had a long day and you just want to take a shower and relax, or tell them you have other plans. You could go to the gym with a friend, or just go for a walk around the U of A. As for looking like a chump, if they're still inviting you out then you're a chump in good standing & you shouldn't worry.

Dear Dr. X:

My boyfriend loves porn! He rents movies, buys magazines, & probably goes to bookstores. I am so upset. I feel jealous and upset when he does it, since I am more than willing to do all the stuff he sees in his porn. I feel like he's almost cheating on me. What can I do?

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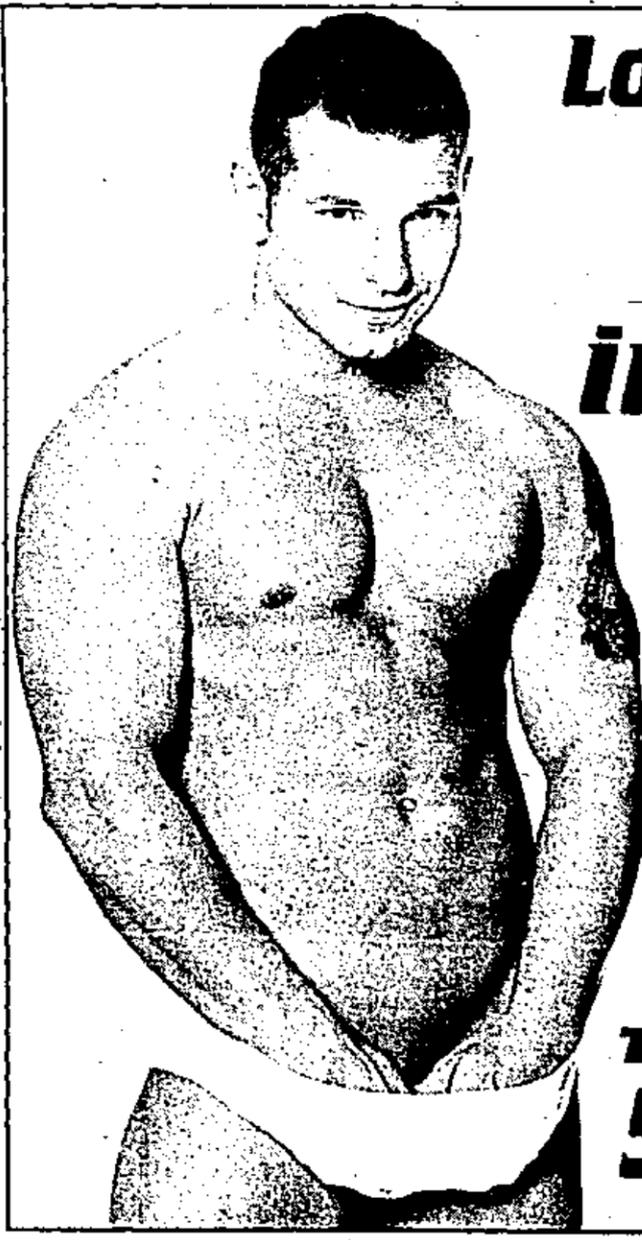
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FRIDAY, APRIL 5

Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. Join Jerry & Les for Game Night. All kinds of board games and card games are available for playing and you're encouraged to bring your own favorite game as well. For reservations and directions, please contact Jerry at 690-9565.

SATURDAY, APRIL 6

Tucson Prime Timers Food & Drinks - 5:00 p.m. Woody's, 3710 N. Oracle Rd., N. of Prince Rd. Phone: 622-1835

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#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 Jack at 881-5733.

#2. Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 6:00 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 690-9565.

SUNDAY, APRIL 7

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Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 2:00 p.m. Bill hosts a Music Appreciation devoted to Maria Callas' rendition of Puccini's "Turandot". For directions and reservations, please call Bill at 297-3669.

MONDAY, APRIL 8

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

Tucson Prime Timers Lunch - 1:00 p.m. The Wildcat House, 1800 N. Stone Ave., S. of Grant Rd. Phone: 622-1835

TUESDAY, APRIL 9

#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 886-1536.

#2. Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. Bridge Night will meet at Perry's house this month. If you're a beginner or an old pro, this is the place to meet for an evening of bridge for fun. For reservations and directions, please call Perry at 321-4387.

#3. Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): Today is the last day for reservations for Sunday's (14th) brunch at the Tanque Verde Guest Ranch. For more information, please call Lloyd at 792-8537.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10

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FRIDAY, APRIL 12

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Bears of the Old Pueblo, General Meeting, 7:30 pm, Golden Corral, 1st & Wetmore. All welcome.

SATURDAY, APRIL 13

Tucson Prime Timers Food & Drinks - 5:00 p.m. Woody's, 3710 N. Oracle Rd., N. of Oracle Rd. Phone: 622-1835

Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 6:00 p.m. Marv will host Pinochle & Pizza beginning with a chance to share some pizza and meet and greet the other players over pizza (\$5), followed by Pinochle at 7:00 p.m. For more information, please call Marv at 745-0304.

SUNDAY, APRIL 14

Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 1:00 p.m. Lloyd hosts a brunch at the Tanque Verde Guest Ranch. Reservations were due on April 9, but you can call to see if he has had a cancellation. For more information, please call Lloyd at 792-8537.

BAR CALENDAR

OF UPCOMING EVENTS

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3

IBT'S - 9:00 p.m. "Diva Licious Show" hosted by Lucinda Holliday and starring Bunny FuFu, Samantha White and Lady Ashley.

FRIDAY, APRIL 5

IBT'S - New! Every Friday Night - Go Go Boyz!!!

SATURDAY, APRIL 6

JAKE'S - Blast from the Past Show. 50s, 60s, 70s, 80s. Show starts in 8:00 p.m. Show features: Sapphire, Diana Fair, Jasmine, Miss Reyna, Daphne Steele, Misti Malone, Mya, Laura Standards, and special guest from San Diego, Miss Norma.

YARD DOG SALOON - Tucson Knight Owls (TKO) Beer Bust on the patio from 3:00 to 7:00 p.m.

SUNDAY, APRIL 7

IBT'S - It all begins here beginning at 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. \$1.50 Bloody Marys, Screwdrivers or Mimosas. Afternoon Tea Dance from 4:30 to 7:30 with DJ Chris. Karaoke 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 8:30 p.m., Gay Men's Health Project (GMHP) and Bears of the Old Pueblo present "Gender Bender 3", drag show fundraiser for GMHP's Condom Brigade. Come see the bears go under the mascara and emerge funny and fierce to entertain you. Hosted by Scottasia Dahlink, with performances by Felopla Tubulotta, Shemone Smore, Viagra Falls, Jackie Oh No, Aubergine Brocade, Contessa Vanessa Digressa, Tom Jones and Bobby Jackson!

MONDAY, APRIL 8

IBT'S - New line-up here for Mondays. New dance music with DJ Panter. New Monday bartenders Jay and Chris, plus "Queer As Folk" at 8:00 p.m. and drink specials starting at 9:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - Drag Show 9:30 - 10:30 p.m. featuring Areal Spears, Foxy, Adina Sapphire, Brittney Lavon and special guests. Music w/DJs after the show. \$1.25 Bud Pitchers, \$1.00 Tequila Shots 8:30 to close.

IBT'S - 9:00 p.m. "Diva Licious" Show hosted by Lucinda Holliday and starring Phaedra, Angelica Dodd, Catia Lee Love (Miss Gay America 2000). Mark your calendars, don't miss this great show.

MONDAY, APRIL 15

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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17

a special health education presentation, "Approaches to Substance Abuse Treatment for People with HIV/AIDS" will take place today from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m. at the Family Practice Office Building, 1450 N. Cherry. The event is coordinated by the Arizona AIDS Education Training Centers (associated with the University Medical Center). The presentation immediately follows a brief business meeting of the Pima County HIV/AIDS CARE Consortium, whose mission is to take an active role in addressing the needs of all persons living with and/or affected by HIV in Pima County. Call Jay Moran, HIV/AIDS Program Assistant, 770-0800, Ext. 119 for more information.

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Daily Bar Calendar

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 - 10am-6pm \$1.50 Bloodys, Screw or Mimosas. Benefit B-S-Q and Beer Bust for community organizations 5:30-8pm. Karaoke with Billy Dee on the patio 4:30-7:30. 8:30 shows or special events or Hi energy dancing. (Call for details). All drink specials not available during special events.
JAKE'S - Open 11am daily, \$1.75 Well 11am-7pm. Free Buffet @ 2pm. Drink Specials 11-7.
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 11am. \$1.50 Bloody Marys, screwdrivers, Mimosas; \$2 well or domestic beer 11-4. Happy Hour 4-9pm \$1.75 well or domestic beer. 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.

Thursday
AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - Karaoke w/Stephanie 7-close. \$2 Kamikazes and \$1 Hot Sex.
IBT'S - 9am-4pm \$2.00 domestic beer and well. Happy Hour \$1.75 Well & domestic 4-9. Retro 80s Dance w/Jonathan Hi NRG dancing 9-1 All drink specials not available during special events.
JAKE'S - Open 11am daily, \$1.75 Well 11am-7pm. Dance Room open 9pm-1am. Latino Night.
VENTURE-N - Open 10am. Patio open 5pm. Daily special til 7pm. Pool Tournament 7pm. 3 entry. (Special prices for players).
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SOUTHERN ARIZONA AIDS FOUNDATION (SAAF), 375 S. EUCLID. Office Hours 8am to 5pm, Monday through Friday. Direct services and emotional support for persons with and affected by HIV. Anonymous HIV testing and support groups available. Prevention education programs. 628-SAAF (7223). World wide web: http://www.saaaf.org. VOLUNTEERS WELCOME.

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

P.F.L.A.G. - Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays - is a support group available to anyone who has a son, daughter or friend who is Gay. Call 575-8660 or write P.O. Box 36284, Tucson, AZ 85740-6264. All replies confidential.

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

YOUNG AND GAY?

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

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

TUCSON GAY INFORMATION AND REFERRAL

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

AIDS HOTLINE - 326-AIDS. Hours M-F, 9:00 am to 10:00 pm. Information, counseling, HIV-related services. Tucson.

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 690-9685 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 626-7223.

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 815-6438 for more info.

TUCSON LESBIAN/GAY ALLIANCE (TLGA) meets on the second Tuesday at Wingspan, 300 E. 6th Street at 7pm. TLGA produces Pride events. Inquiries about support groups and individual needs should be directed to Wingspan and other local agencies listed here. For more information call 622-3200 or visit TLGA website www.tucsonpride.com

LEARN TO BE A LISTENING FRIEND Unique Hospital Volunteer Program teaches listening skills to Volunteers who provide a safe/compassionate environment to at-risk patients. Training every 6 weeks. 694-7063.

TUCSON GREATER SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION. Interested? Call Kelly Quinn, (520)742-7896 or go to our web site http://www.tgsofball.org

TUCSON INTERFAITH HIV/AIDS NETWORK (TIHAN), a coalition of faith communities committed to a compassionate response to HIV/AIDS, provides HIV education in congregational settings, volunteer Care Teams to support HIV+ persons, a referral network of HIV-sensitive clergy, and interfaith services of healing and hope. For more information call 299-8647.

LESBIAN/GAY/BI-SEXUAL OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS. Saturdays 1 to 2pm new location Wingspan, 300 E. 6th St. Contacta 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.

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

LUTHERANS CONCERNED - Tucson chapter for Gay/Lesbian Lutherans meets 4th Sunday, 8:30 p.m. each month at Santa Cruz Lutheran Church, 6809 S. Cardinal Ave. For information visit www.lcbtucson.org web: LC, 7014 E. Golf Links Road, PMS 212, Tucson, AZ 85730.

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

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

TGNerArizona: 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: aigoodrum@uswest.net org

SENIORRAP, a discussion group for older LGBTs, meets from 3 to 5pm on the last Sunday of every month at Wingspan, 300 E. 6th St. For more info call 640-0620

"OUT ON THE TRAILS" - EQUESTRIAN FUN! Rider Club forming. Looking for women and men to ride together on the trails of Southern Arizona. Must have own horse, truck and trailer. For more info write: "Out On The Trails" P.O. Box 44045, Tucson, AZ 85733-4045

MEN TALK - A new group forming for Gay men that explores ourselves, our community and encourages positive growth. A great way to meet people. Meeting 3rd Tuesday of each month at Wingspan. 7-8pm. Call 780-8714 for more info.

SUPPORT GROUP FOR RECOVERING ADDICTS AND ALCOHOLICS. Group meets every Saturday 7-8pm in Cornerstone Fellowship hall, 2902 N. Geronimo. 622-4626 or 750-6404.

SOUTHERN ARIZONA STONEWALL DEMOCRATS meet 3rd Monday of each month 7pm at Pima County Democratic Headquarters, 2617 E. Broadway. Call Jesse 743-4320 or Maurice 323-2293. All LGBT Democrats and supporters welcome. TucsonStonewall@aol.com

GUYS BOOK CLUB meets 4th Tuesday of each month at 7pm. Rainbow Planet Coffee House, 606 N. 4th Ave.

GRACE GROUP - CATHOLIC GAY/LESBIAN SUPPORT GROUP meets every 2nd and 4th Monday at 7:30 p.m. in the Madonna Hall at Santa Peter and Paul Catholic Church, 1436 N. Campbell across from University Hospital. For more info. Call Ernie Sialight 721-2003.

SMART (Self Management And Recovery Training) a free non-12-step self-help alternative for people working to overcome addictive and other emotional problems meets in Tucson Monday thru Thursdays at different locations. For more information about SMART, contact Jennifer at 792-4607, Ext.398

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

OUTLOUD! Tucson's premiere Local Lesbian and Gay Radio Show, broadcast every Wednesday at 8:00 pm on 91.3 FM, Community Radio KKCL. 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 3rd Saturday night of each month. If you'd like to meet women 35+ (flexible) and socialize in a smoke-free environment 888-8010 before 10:00 p.m.: The group dines out and attends shows or movies. Now in their 18th year! (2nd in Tucson).

SOUTHERN ARIZONA GENDER ALLIANCE (SAGA). Meetings on the 1st Monday, 7pm. Desert Girlz (MITF) Meets 2nd Monday at 7pm. Desert Boyz meets 3rd Tuesday at 7pm. of every month. All meetings take place at Wingspan, 300 E. 6th St. Call 624-1779 for more info. SAGAEmail@aol.com http://members.aol.com/sageemail

TUCSON CATHOLIC GAY & LESBIAN FAMILY MINISTRY. Currently meeting the 4th Monday of every month at SS Peter & Paul Church, Madonna Hall 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Fr. Fiedler in attendance every meeting and willing to speak one on one. Reaching out to Parents and Families. For more info call Doc or Barbara 293-8624.

ARIZONA AIDS POLICY ALLIANCE (AZAPA) seeks to educate legislators and citizens about sound AIDS policy. For more information write AZAPA, 6523 N. 14th St., #112, Phoenix, AZ 85014 or call 802-279-4805.

DESERT DOMINION TUCSON'S 100% CONSENSUAL, Pen-Fetish, Pen-Sexual, Informational, Educational, Safe Space for the B&D, S&M, D&S and TV community. For more info call (520)782-8424 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 Mirto Stone, MSW, at 327-1171 (if unavailable leave message with phone number).

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

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GAY OR BI-SEXUAL MEN in relationships with women. Need friends you can talk to? Weekly support group meets Wednesdays 6:30 - 8:00 pm. Licensed psychologist facilitator. Call 745-6977 in Tucson for more information. Strictly confidential.

WINGSPAN - Tucson's Gay, Lesbian & Bisexual Community Center, 300 E. 6th St., offers support groups / info line / social events / library / meeting space. Volunteer Opportunities. Board meetings every 2nd Thursday (open to all), 6:00 p.m. Information 624-1779.

RAINBOW SUPPORT GROUP: LGBT and supportive friends meet for open discussions in a loving, supportive atmosphere. Support meetings are the 2nd and 4th Thursdays from 7:30 to 9:00 pm at St. Francis in the Foothills Church, Swan and River Road, Room 42. The 3rd Thursdays of the month, the group will meet at 7:30pm at Rainbow Planet Coffeehouse (606 North 4th Ave.) as a social outing. For more information call the church at 299-9063 and ask for a contact person.

BIKE & BIKE DYKES. Meets 2nd Monday at 7pm. Call 327-7239 for info.

GREATER PHOENIX GAY & LESBIAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE (GPGLOCC) P.O. BOX 2097, Phoenix, AZ 85001-2097. E-mail: webmaster@gpglocc.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: Maverick, Box 9543, Santa Fe, NM 87504.

ATTENTION ALL NUDISTS - Tucson Tanners is a nudist group open to all - Nude activities scheduled both indoor and outdoors. Not "Gay Only", but Gays are welcome and invited to join. For further information send SASE to: Tucson Tanners, P.O. Box 64-Q, Cortaro, AZ 85652.

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