

EDITORIAL

'Voting - It's Not Just For A Few'

Activities (during the week of August 5) in the courtroom questioned whether an election, primary, general or otherwise was going to be able to take place in Arizona, with cases dealing with the state's Clean Election funding program and Arizona's Open Primary law were being considered.

On Wednesday, August 7, the ninth U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals issued a stay of the ruling by U.S. Federal District Court Judge, Raner Collins, striking down Arizona's open primary law and the Arizona Supreme Court, as of press time, is still considering their decision whether the state's Clean Election funding program continues, for at least this election, primary and general.

Despite all this, democracy continues, albeit limping along, towards the November general election and deciding who will serve in the political posts ranging from U.S. Congress to Governor to state legislator to Constable in Arizona, and on Thursday August 8, voting began for the September 10 primary election.

In Arizona, people can request an early ballot and cast their vote, via the mail or by going to a designate site by their county recorder and turn their ballot in. More than 30,000 individuals in Pima County have exercised this option so far for the upcoming primary election, according to local election officials, taking advantage of the change in the rules set down by the Arizona Legislature, so that everyone, if they so choose, could cast their vote early, before the actual date of either the primary or general election.

For Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender (GLBT) Arizonans, there is a lot riding on this year's primary election,

since there are many openly Gay candidates running for seats in Arizona's Legislature. Many of these races will be decided by the September 10 primary election due to no general election opposition.

Ending discrimination in employment, setting up a statewide domestic partner's registry, expanding Arizona's Hate Crimes law to cover misdemeanors, ending the censorship on HIV education in public schools are just some of the things on the proverbial "wish list" but will remain as such, if GLBT Arizonans don't vote, either through early balloting or on Tuesday, September 10.

To request an early ballot, call your County Recorder's office to request an early ballot form, for which they will mail to you. These forms must be received by your County Recorder by Friday, August 30.

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California Pushing Statewide DP Compliance

SACRAMENTO, CA - With remarkably little resistance, a bill that seeks to ban the state of California from doing business with companies that do not provide domestic partnership benefits to their employees, is moving through the state Senate, the Modesto Bee reports.

If adopted, California would become the first state in the country to mandate that private companies signing state contracts give domestic partnership benefits to their Lesbian and Gay workers. The bill is a dramatic expansion of a groundbreaking municipal effort passed by San Francisco in 1996.

Democratic Assemblywoman Christine Kehoe, the bill's chief sponsor, said the mandate would strengthen a 1999

state law that created a state registry and extended DP benefits to state employees. "This is more or less a clean-up measure that would extend to companies who do business with the state of California," she said.

The proposal has drawn heated statements of opposition from conservative churches and far-right groups. Faith-based health care providers, such as Catholic Mercy hospitals, say the law could force them to choose between their beliefs and their livelihood.

At the very least, they insist on a religious exemption, but there is no question conservatives will be pressing for the wholesale defeat of the bill.

Court Addresses Gay Prisoner Visits

SAN FRANCISCO, CA - A federal appeals court revived a Gay man's lawsuit against the Arizona corrections system, which refused to let him kiss his incarcerated partner during visits to the prison.

In a unanimous decision on Monday, August 12, the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals rejected contentions by the Arizona Department of Corrections that there is a legitimate penological reason to prevent same-sex displays of affection between inmates and visitors. The judges said state officials presented no evidence to prove their claim.

The decision reverses a lower court's ruling that held that the men's brief embraces at the beginning and end of their visits violated an Arizona Department of Corrections (ADOC) rule against same-sex embracing during visits (with the exception of blood relatives).

The plaintiff, Karl Whitmire, filed the suit after he hugged his partner, William Lyster, during a prison visit and was subsequently told by ADOC officials that "if that happens again it will be a long time before you see him again," according to court records.

Lyster said he was told by prison staffers that he was not permitted to hug or

kiss Whitmire during visits.

After Lyster briefly hugged him, Lyster said he was told that "if that happens again it will be a long time before you see him again."

Departmental policy specifies that "a brief kiss and/or embrace" is permitted at the beginning and end of the visitation period for inmates allowed contact visits. But the rules also prohibit same-gender kissing except if the visitor is a relative or member of the immediate family.

The appellate court's decision, written by Judge A. Wallace Tashima, hinges on the fact that the couple is openly Gay. As a result, the ADOC law, which is meant to protect inmates who may wish to hide their sexual orientations, is not relevant, the court ruled.

Martha Matthews, an ACLU staff attorney who represented Whitmire, said the decision "sends a message that you can't arbitrarily treat people differently because of their sexual orientation."

Monday's ruling, however, may not end the matter. The decision permits the Department of Corrections to try to convince a trial judge that there is a reason for the disparate treatment of heterosexual inmates and those who are Gay.

Corporate America Is G/L Friendly New Report Says

WASHINGTON, DC - It's getting much easier to be "out" in corporate America, according to the new Human Rights Campaign (HRC) Corporate Equality Index.

HRC found that more than 9 out of 10 major U.S. companies - some 92 percent surveyed - had nondiscrimination policies that included sexual orientation as a protected category. More than two-thirds of the more than 300 companies surveyed also offered domestic partnership benefits for the partners of their Gay or Lesbian employees, reported the Gay.com/Planet-Out.com network.

This is the first time the HRC evaluated the country's corporate culture in such a comprehensive survey.

"This positive survey is not a big surprise to us," said Wayne Besen, a spokesperson for the HRC. "This has been a long process for corporate America. They've finally realized this is a good thing for us and for their companies, and it's had a great snowball effect."

The survey looked at 319 companies with more than 50 employees. HRC evaluated each company based on seven criteria, including whether it has a written nondiscrimination policy covering sexual

orientation, a written nondiscrimination policy covering gender identity and/or expression, health insurance for Gay employees' partners, and a commitment not to be involved in any activities that would "undermine the goal of equal rights for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender people."

Of the 319 companies, 13 met all seven of the criteria: Aetna Inc., AMR/American Airlines, Apple Computer Inc., Avaya Inc., Eastman Kodak Co., Intel, J.P. Morgan Chase & Co., Lucent Technologies, NCR Corp., Nike Inc., Worldspan L.P., and Xerox Corp.

But still not all American companies are as progressive about Gay and Lesbian issues. Three companies scored a zero on the survey: Cracker Barrel, Lockheed Martin Corp. and Emerson Electric Co. All three have refused to honor stockholder requests to add sexual orientation to their nondiscrimination policies. But those companies are few in number.

"We think our survey is hopeful," said Kim Mills, HRC's education director. "We have already got calls from companies saying, 'All right, the survey's out and we don't have a perfect score, what can we do better?' It's a great sign."

UPDATE

GLBT Commission Meeting August 20

TUCSON (ON) - Commission funding, a possible Domestic Partnership Registry, a review of the City's ECAP program are items expected to be discussed at the August meeting of the City of Tucson Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender (GLBT) Commission.

This meeting will be held Tuesday, August 20, 5:30 p.m., in the ECO Conference Room (First Floor), 100 North Stone.

For more information about the Commission, the meeting agenda and other matters, call (520) 791-4213.

Fourth Fridays Resume On August 23

TUCSON - Dog days of summer doldrums? Get over it and join other single Gay men for Fourth Friday at the Presidio Grill on Friday, August 23, from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. Join us for appetizers, cocktails and conversation with other Gay guys. And, if you can, bring a friend or two.

Fourth Fridays are a great way to wrap up your week and start the weekend's activities. There is a \$10 cover charge to pay for appetizers. There will be a no host bar. Any cash over the costs of the event will be donated to Wingspan.

For more information, call (520) 624-1779.

Forum On Transforming Anger August 22

TUCSON - On Thursday, August 22, 6:30 to 9:30 p.m., a workshop for the LGBT community to help individuals let go of anger and find more productive ways of responding to conflict.

This workshop, to be held at 300 East Sixth Street, is not intended as psychotherapy or an encounter group; the seminar will consist of lecture and experiential exercises dealing with three working hypotheses: Anger is a destructive emotion. You can, if you choose, reduce the amount of anger in your life. As you reduce the amount of anger, your quality of life improves.

There is limited seating available for this forum, please RSVP to Wingspan, (520) 624-1779 or wingspanaz@wingspanaz.org.

Stonewall Democrats Meeting August 19

TUCSON - The Southern Arizona Stonewall Democrats will be holding their August monthly meeting on Monday, August 19, 7:00 p.m., at the new Pima County Democratic Headquarters, 4639 E. 1st Street, (one block south of Speedway, just west of Swan.)

This will be the last meeting before the September 10, primary election. Among other topics, Maurice Grossman will talk about the meetings he attended in San Diego for the Southwest regional chapters of National Stonewall Democrats, and will talk about what is happening, politically, both on the local and national levels.

For more information, call (520) 323-2293 or (520) 743-4320.

Water of Life MCC Blesses Couples In Nogales

NOGALES, Mexico - Tucson's Water of Life Metropolitan Community Church (MCC) extended its ministry to Nogales, Mexico, Saturday night, August 10 when the Reverend Joyce Cook and three other church members performed "A Blessing Of Couples" at one of the local Gay bars.

A total of five couples participated in this event. Afterwards there was a celebration where their certificates were handed out.

The Water of Life MCC will be making regular trips to Nogales, in which the Rev Joyce Cook will be holding monthly worship services. The GLBT community of Nogales currently has no other opportunities to gain spiritual growth in a forum where their sexuality doesn't matter. We are very excited at the launching of this outreach.

Desert Coyotes Bowling Season Begins September 4

TUCSON (ON) - Beginning Wednesday, September 4, Tucson's Desert Coyotes, the GLBT and straight supportive bowling league will begin their 2002-03 season at Golden Pin Lanes, 1010 W. Miracle Mile.

Teams will consist of three individuals, and three games will be bowled. Since this is a handicap league, average is not important, only having fun is.

On the first night, Wednesday, September 4, a league meeting will be held, starting at 8:00 p.m., to go over league business - form teams, review the rules and other pertaining matters. Bowling will start at 9:00 p.m. that night, and every Wednesday on the schedule.

For more information, call (520) 323-6449.

Registration Now Available For AIDS WALK 2002

TUCSON - Registration materials are now available for AIDS WALK 2002 to take place October 20 at Rillito Downs. AIDS WALK, produced by the Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation (SAAF), is a benefit walk to support people living with and affected by HIV/AIDS.

AIDS WALK raises community awareness and needed funds in southern Arizona's fight against AIDS. Walkers solicit contributions from individual sponsors while also sharing information about HIV/AIDS with their family, friends, and colleagues.

Significant corporate sponsorship covers the expenses of AIDS WALK, so all walker dollars go to support critical services for people living with and affected by HIV/AIDS and needed prevention programs for people at risk for HIV. Money raised by AIDS WALK will provide food, care supplies, case management, volunteer peer support, outreach programs, and so much more!

Desert Diamond Casino is this year's Title Sponsor of AIDS WALK. Other major sponsors include Long Realty, KVOA, Tucson Weekly, Comcast, Cox Communications, 104.1 The Point, Telemundo, KEVT, American Airlines, Charles Schwab, Wells Fargo, Hoffman Design, Clear Channel, and Spreck Interactive.

Four thousand people are expected to attend AIDS WALK to show their support. Walkers earn prizes for money raised and enjoy music, food, and fun. Panels of the National AIDS Memorial Quilt will also be unfolded and displayed at AIDS WALK.

Registration is easy through the AIDS WALK website at www.aids-walktucson.com or by calling the AIDS WALK Hotline at (520) 791-WALK (92-55). Walking as a team is encouraged and provides a fun way to raise money and show support for a healthier community.



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Rosie's Magazine In Pitched Battle With Itself

NEW YORK, NY - After only 16 issues, Rosie O'Donnell's self-titled monthly magazine faces its biggest challenge yet, as the comedienne-former-talk-show-host and her publisher, Gruner & Jahr USA Publishing square off, and their lawyers play referee.

The central sticking point may be one of: to whom exactly does a magazine named Rosie belong? The magazine's namesake, Rosie O'Donnell? Or Gruner & Jahr USA?

The battle over that question has erupted into open warfare, with each side hiring prominent lawyers to fight over who has ultimate control of the magazine's content.

Since the contract ended on her hugely successful talk show - coinciding with her much-publicized coming out - O'Donnell had been looking to take on an even bigger role in the magazine that bears her first name and ubiquitous contenance.

However, Gruner & Jahr, a unit of Bertelsmann AG, has insisted on ultimate control over the direction of the periodical. They also want Ms. O'Donnell to keep her opinions about the magazine to herself.

Among the topics the magazine's editorial staff took exception to in recent months were a planned collage of pictures showing O'Donnell's pregnant partner, Kelli Carpenter, and an assignment given to comedian Al Franken to write a humor piece entitled "Middle East for Dummies."

"I want to be a team player," Ms. O'Donnell wrote in mid-July in a rambling editor's letter that was never published. "I

want to help. I don't want people to think I am a controlling uber b---h - like Oprah and Martha. Well guess what - I am going to be. Because Martha and Oprah know what they are doing. And they don't compromise."

"We cannot permit Rosie magazine to migrate into a manifesto for its namesake's personal views," Gruner & Jahr's chief executive, Daniel B. Brewster Jr., wrote in a memo last month to representatives of Ms. O'Donnell and senior Gruner & Jahr executives.

According to insiders, Ms. O'Donnell is demanding full editorial control while her publisher remains steadfast in their contractual right to proceed without her input. Without O'Donnell's cooperation, however, Rosie the magazine, may have a very un-rosy future.

Rosie, the magazine, looked like a ideal partnership when it was announced in late 2000. O, The Oprah Magazine and Martha Stewart Living were big hits, and O'Donnell's foray into the magazine business - fueled by her hit television show and unerring popularity among middle-America's female viewing audience - initially proved to be a hit.

For Gruner & Jahr's new chief executive, Daniel B. Brewster Jr., the launch was an ideal platform to implement his plan to turn Gruner & Jahr into a premier publishing company. However, Brewster had a novel idea for creating a build-in readership: take an old, but failing women's magazine, the 125-year old McCall's, which was losing \$2 million a month, and relaunch it as Rosie, with a

ready-made circulation of 3.5 million.

The gamble paid off handsomely - until this summer when the magazine's circulation took a sudden dive and a struggle for editorial control of Rosie took center stage.

Although the financial partnership is split 50-50 and Ms. O'Donnell's name is on the cover, Gruner & Jahr maintains editorial and operational control of the magazine. It was a decision Ms. O'Donnell has rued, say insiders, and that frustration has exacerbated in recent months.

From the beginning, there were tensions on both sides, some coming from O'Donnell's decision to hire her own family members. Ed O'Donnell, the comedienne's brother, was heavily involved vetting marketing materials devised by the magazine's business staff. Ms. O'Donnell also hired her partner's stepsister, Heidi Safer, as an editor at large earning \$110,000.

Ms. Safer produced two home-decorating spreads that ran in early 2002, both of which featured work done by Joy Safer, Heidi's mother, a jewelry designer and decorator in Baton Rouge, La.

One spread featured a kitchen belonging to J.J. Safer, Heidi's brother, which was not funded by the magazine, although Joy Safer was paid to remodel a mobile home that was featured in the March issue. The September issue includes a four-page spread of Heidi Safer's wedding. The articles didn't explain the relationships.

Still, at the time of the assignments, insiders say no one at Gruner & Jahr

voiced any concerns about promoting family and friends.

In spring, the magazine's progress was jolted by a series of changes in Ms. O'Donnell's personal and professional life, for which no one seemed entirely prepared. Her autobiography, "Find Me," released in April, included the not very well-kept secret that the comedienne is Gay - an announcement that set off a public-relations frenzy.

In May, Ms. O'Donnell hosted the last live episode of her TV show, depriving the magazine of a free marketing outlet for the rest of the spring and summer.

Meanwhile, newsstand sales started to slip. After averaging around 550,000 during the magazine's first six months, they fell as low as 200,000 on some issues in 2002.

Insiders say the tension at the magazine has soared since the original editor, Cathy Cavender, was replaced by Susan Toepfer, a former deputy managing editor of People. Gruner & Jahr officials said Ms. O'Donnell had approved Ms. Toepfer's hiring, but her spokeswoman said she had agreed only that Ms. Toepfer would be brought in to work alongside Ms. Cavender.

Since the change in editors, Ms. O'Donnell has insisted on approving all editorial decisions. For the October magazine to be finished on time, Gruner & Jahr agreed to waive all rights to oversight in return for Ms. O'Donnell's efforts to get singer Celine Dion on the cover. Company officials say they do not plan to cede control again.

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Miami Rights Group Fires Staff To Save Cash

MIAMI, FL - The group fighting to keep sexual orientation in Miami-Dade County's nondiscrimination clause got rid of its executive director and two campaign workers, the Gay.com/PlanetOut.com network reported.

With a little more than a month to go before Miami-Dade County voters decide if they want to keep sexual orientation as a part of their nondiscrimination law, the group fighting to save it got rid of its executive director and two campaign workers.

Timothy Higdon served his last day as executive director for the Gay rights group, known as No to Discrimination/SAVE Dade, on Aug. 2.

Representatives for the organization said it needs money to pay for the rest of the campaign. Higdon was making a \$72,000 a year salary. The other two campaign workers made a total of \$6,000.

SAVE Dade has gained broad support from the Miami mayor and several large business owners in the area to encourage voters to reject one of the most closely watched anti-Gay ballot initiatives in the country this fall.

Lisa Palley, SAVE Dade's press liaison, said the money would go to support direct mail, television and radio ads. She added that the personnel change "was really no big deal."

"It is unfortunate to make these kinds of decisions so late in the campaign cycle," said Georg Kettelhorn, the organiza-

tion co-chair. "However, we are very fortunate to have four experienced volunteers now working full-time alongside our campaign staff in leadership and fund-raising roles."

An internal memo, leaked to the Gay.com/PlanetOut.com Network, was sent to SAVE Dade staff and supporters by organization fund-raising coordinator Julia Dawson. It tries to reassure supporters that the leadership change should not have an impact on the direction of the expected success of their campaign.

"It is often painful for the campaign family, which includes dozens of committed volunteers as well as paid staff, to undergo such changes," said the memo. "But everyone who has been part of this amazing campaign is connected by our commitment to success on Sept. 10."

Timothy Higdon, 41, had been the full-time executive director of SAVE Dade since March. He had been the organization's temporary director when SAVE Dade's past head, Jorge Mursali, stepped down to take over People for the American Way.

Higdon, a former Army officer, had never run a political campaign before, but he was an experienced organizer and fund-raiser for the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF). With NGLTF, he worked as an organizer in Oregon, Texas and in Florida.

Miami-Dade voters will decide on the ballot initiative on Sept. 10.

Inmate Pleads Not Guilty In Prison Slaying

RICHMOND, VA - A 25-year-old Virginia prison inmate entered a not guilty plea in the killing of his Gay cell mate, 365Gay.com reported.

Joseph Armstrong appeared in court through a video linkup. He is charged in the capital murder of 29-year-old Kenneth Wayne Booth Jr.

Booth's body was found in May in the cell the men shared at Virginia's Red Onion Prison. An autopsy showed he had been strangled to death.

If convicted, Armstrong could face the death penalty. He is already serving a life sentence on a murder conviction in eastern Virginia.

Armstrong originally had told investigators that Booth had hanged himself from a towel rack. He told the court he believed his life was in danger, but he did not offer any specific details.

In July, when Armstrong was charged in the killing, prosecutor Joey Carico said Booth was killed because he was Gay.

"Armstrong has been very vocal about how much he didn't like homosexuals," Carico said.

Booth had been serving a 16-year sentence on a number of convictions on charges including assault.

The case has drawn criticism from Gay activists who have questioned why a Gay inmate had been placed in the general prison population.

A November trial date has been set for Armstrong's trial.

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Ms. Toepfer immediately introduced a raft of new ideas. With a mandate from the company's top executives to freshen up the title and make it more service-oriented, Ms. Toepfer, gathered senior staffers and questioned some of Ms. O'Donnell's signature items. One was the "Cutie Patootie" interview Ms. O'Donnell conducts each month with a different child, which takes up the valuable back-page spot.

After three days on the job, Ms. Toepfer met with Ms. O'Donnell to talk about the September cover, which featured the cast of the HBO hit "The Sopranos" and Ms. O'Donnell herself. Ms. O'Donnell became furious, according to witnesses of the encounter, saying she didn't want to be on the cover but if she were, she didn't want to appear in the middle of the shot as Ms. Toepfer had planned.

"How dare you put me in the center of the cover," she shouted, according to a witness. Ms. O'Donnell made several plaintive calls to her former editor Ms. Cavender, asking her to come back and replace Ms. Toepfer.

According to company officials at Gruner & Jahr, in the last month Ms. O'Donnell has threatened suit, behaved abusively toward employees and threatened to "bring the whole magazine down."

"This is not really about editorial content," a Gruner official said. "She [O'Donnell] is either going to take it over completely, or she is going to be cooperative and supportive and help us get the magazine out. She cannot just walk away - I think she is beginning to understand that there will be huge liability if she does that."

Bob Barr Feels The Heat

ATLANTA, GA - The battle to represent Atlanta's 7th District in the U.S. Congress is heating up to be a doozy.

The district was redrawn by the Democratic-dominated Georgia Legislature to pit Rep. Bob Barr and Rep. John Linder, both conservative Republicans, against each other.

There are plenty of Democratic and some moderate Republican politicians across the country who take great pleasure in watching Rep. Barr fight for his political survival.

Both men have almost identical voting records, so the race has evolved into something of a style contest. Barr is the flamboyant former Clinton impeachment manager who seldom misses an opportunity to appear on television. Linder is a quiet, often overlooked policy expert - a member of the powerful but largely anonymous Rules Committee.

"Linder's supporters perceive him as being the old reliable workhorse," said Charles Bullock of the University of Georgia. "Because Barr's so much more visible and more colorful, whether you like him or don't like him may be a stronger factor than how you feel about Linder."

Linder insists he represents far more than the anti-Barr vote - though he contends that constituency is sizable. He says he can rally enthusiasm too, maybe not through fiery floor speeches but through

behind-the-scenes policymaking.

The campaign, furthermore, is presenting new opportunities to demonstrate just what kind of politician Barr is. During a televised debate, Linder accused Barr of sending letters to church pastors in the district, claiming Linder supported "the Gay agenda."

Barr said Linder's public opposition to Ralph Reed in last year's race for state GOP party chairman was proof of these sympathies. The letter also cited Linder's signature on an agreement not to discriminate in hiring. "I don't discriminate against anyone," Linder said, denying it had anything to do with Gay rights.

Barr said Linder had been "taken in by the homosexual movement," and called on him to disavow the hiring agreement.

Linder demonstrated he could be tough when he needed to be and hauled out one of the Democrats' favorite anti-Barr jibes, highlighting Barr's hypocrisy in calling attention to the personal lives of others.

"I will respond when someone questions my character, my integrity, and my commitment to family values," Linder said. "I will remind you. I am the one who has been married for 39 years to the same woman." Barr has been married three times.

Drug Resistant HIV More Common

BOSTON, MA - The antiretroviral drugs that revolutionized the treatment of AIDS and gave a new lease of life to hundreds of thousands infected with HIV are losing their effectiveness, researchers said.

A virus that has killed more than 20 million people around the world and infected 40 million more is undergoing nearly continuous mutation. In the New England Journal of Medicine researchers report new drug resistant strains are showing up in more and more people.

Samples taken from medical centers in 10 North American cities found that while only 3.4 percent of the 264 new cases they tested were resistant to 15 anti-HIV drugs from 1995 to 1998, the rate jumped to 12.2 percent of the 113 new infections in the years 1999 and 2000.

The rate of HIV infections resistant to more than one drug rose from 1.1 percent to 6.2 percent over the same period. Even more troubling for the Gay community, most of the drug resistant strains were carried by Gay men.

"Over the five-year period, the frequency of transmitted drug resistance increased significantly," according to Susan Little and her team of researchers at the University of California at San Diego.

Little said the growing risk of drug resistance and the poorer response to treatment in patients with drug-resistant virus suggest resistance tests should be done routinely on patients with new infections.

Martin Hirsch of Massachusetts General Hospital warned in an editorial against overreaction. "The report is cause for concern but not alarm," he said. "Although the study found that the prevalence of resistance increased significantly ... the overall prevalence of high-level multidrug resistance remained low."

Although it may have taken longer for people with drug-resistant HIV to find the right treatment, he notes, available drugs were able to suppress the virus within 24 weeks in every case but one.

Transgender Legal Protections Advance Nationally

WASHINGTON, DC - Laws protecting the Transgendered from violence and discrimination have begun to enter the political mainstream, according to a report on the Fox News Network.

Though the thrust of the Fox report warns of "affixing privileges to specialized groups" and carries angry comments from conservatives complaining "the Transgendered population is taking privilege too far," the story can't help but take note of the success the community has had in pressing for equality under the law.

"It's totally exploding - in law, the amount of litigation, the laws passed, the

law reviews written," the network quotes Paisley Currah, associate professor of political science at City University of New York and board member at the Transgender Law and Policy Institute.

"Transgendered people have become more organized and [are] moving beyond merely a support system for each other to actually fighting for their rights," she added.

The network attempts to identify the "scope" of the problem, but says the number of Transgendered people in the United States is still largely undocumented.

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Curriculo es un entrenamiento con una duración de aproximadamente 6 horas. Durante estas 6 horas, revisamos a detalle las barreras culturales que pueden ser un obstáculo en la prevención del VIH. También analizamos las características culturales que pueden reforzar las practicas de sexo seguro en nuestra comunidad. Tenemos una sesión sobre lo básico en cuanto a la transmisión del VIH y otra en la forma correcta del uso del preservativo. Hay otra sesión en donde discutimos el concepto de activadores o incentivos que pueden trabajar en la prevención del VIH y los motivos que podemos encontrar en nosotros mismos como individuos o como comunidad, para practicar sexo seguro. Finalmente tenemos una sesión donde discutimos el modelo de cambios de comportamiento en el uso de sustancias y como esto puede afectar las practicas de riesgo en el ámbito del sexo seguro. Esto es sólo una pincelada de la descripción del **Curriculo para líderes comunitarios**.

Promesa es un entrenamiento más breve ya que sólo dura como máximo 4 horas. En este entrenamiento tocamos únicamente tres temas: una sesión más a fondo sobre todo lo relacionado a la transmisión del VIH, una sesión dedicada a las enfermedades transmitidas sexualmente y por último, una sesión sobre el modelo de cambios de conducta en el uso del condón. Otra de las metas de **Promesa** es buscar líderes en la comunidad latina Gay que sirvan como modelos a seguir en la prevención del VIH. Estos modelos a seguir son reconocidos por su habilidad de mantenerse VIH negativos gracias a la

práctica de usar preservativo cada vez que tienen relaciones sexuales de alto riesgo. **Promesa** es un entrenamiento dado únicamente en Tucson y ambos Nogales.

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POLITICS 2002

By Mark R. Kart

"Always On Wednesday"

Reported in this column last week, it looked as if the 2002 election - primary and general, would be even more convoluted: with the monumental screw-ups with redistricting, the challenge over the state's Clean Election funding law notwithstanding, thanks to the hypocritical Arizona Libertarian Party.

Arizona's Libertarians had filed suit over the state's open primary law, which had been approved by the voters in the November 1998 general election, stating that it violated the right of people to associate with a political party, which is interesting since in 1995, it was the Libertarians that opened their party's primary (the first) to independents and other parties not recognized by the state, urging the other parties to follow suit and was one of the big supporters of the open primary initiative, then Proposition 103, on the November 1998 general election ballot.

On Monday, August 5, U.S. District Judge Raner Collins agreed, striking down the law, despite the bad timing since thousands upon thousands of early ballots had already been sent out to independent voters who had already requested a ballot.

Arizona's Secretary of State appealed to Collins, who promptly turned down the legal maneuver, and thanks to Arizona Attorney General Janet Napolitano's office, the primary was saved due to an appeal to the U.S. Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals, who issued a stay on Wednesday, August 7 - that day after the Observer went to press, and the hypocritical Libertarians didn't appeal - so Arizona's open primary continues, for at least this election.

As usual, something happened on Wednesday, the day after this weekly publication has gone to press - in print and online. All indications, the actions and statements by those involved, late Tuesday night, August 6, had pointed toward Arizona's open primary law being thrown out and a huge, logistical mess being created, with registered independents and others frantically changing their voter registration before the August 12 deadline to do so, so this reporter proceeded with the column - a gamble for a weekly article and publication, since the material was dated, and for which didn't pay off with the stay of the ruling on Wednesday, August 7.

Last week's column was pulled

immediately online, and an update of the story and an appeal for those not registered to vote, to do so, was posted Wednesday, August 7. For the print edition though, the column ran since it went to press on Tuesday, August 6, and the Ninth Circuit Court decision didn't come down until late Wednesday afternoon, August 7.

It's part of the game of writing, especially for a weekly publication, both print and online. ...

Openly Gay state Representative Ed Poelstra is still looking for \$5 Clean Election Contributions. For more information, please call Poelstra's campaign, (520) 318-9097 or E-mail: Poelstra-2002@aol.com. ...

Voters across Pima County and the state have been receiving early ballot request forms and political literature from various candidates seeking their vote for the upcoming primary election. One of which, arriving in the mail last week, came from "Dr." Jay Blanchard, running for the Democratic nomination for state Superintendent of Public Instruction.

In his piece, "Dr." Blanchard, "a winning Democrat," states that the "Democrats helped to pass these bills in the Arizona State Senate," with one being repealing the archaic sex laws.

This is interesting since the bill "Democrats helped to pass," repealing Arizona's 100-year-old archaic sex laws came from the openly Gay, Republican state Representative, Steve May of Paradise Valley, in the 2001 regular session of the Arizona Legislature. Also, when the two Democratic sponsored bills came to full Senate for consideration, Blanchard voted against them both. When the Arizona Employment Non-Discrimination Act came to the full Senate in 2001, guess who voted against it? None other than Blanchard, who in a letter to the Arizona Human Rights Fund, the statewide Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender rights organization, in 2000, stated if elected, he would vote in favor of these measures.

Is that the example Arizona's future, the youth should follow? Of course not! Vote for Rod Rich in the Democratic primary, September 10, or if you are voting early.

GENDER PRIDE

BY JONI K. MALISE

Imagine you're an ordinary Gay man, and you're in Woody's or IBT's when you meet this hottie, and you start to hit it off when he drops his bombshell: he was born female. Or imagine you're an ordinary Lesbian woman, and your butch-honey comes home one night and tells you she's thinking of becoming a man.

Like drag kings, female-to-male transsexuals challenge all of us regarding our feelings about men and manhood. But as the least-visible segment of the gender community, they confront us not in a staged performance but in the quiet ordinariness of their daily lives. You've met them in the clubs, or in the street, or at Wingspan; but unless you know the guy personally you never know he was once a girl.

In a previous column I mentioned how throughout history females used to dress and act as men to get ahead in the

world. Well, it's still a man's world, and the tomboys who can't stomach the girly role still have the stone butch blues. And every year hundreds of them slip across the border unobserved: macho-land's own undocumented aliens. They change their names, they bind their breasts until they can afford surgery, and they take testosterone until their voices deepen and their beards grow out. Get to know them and you'll find they're the most handsome, masculine gentlemen you could ever hope to meet.

Because they pass so well, most transmen prefer to remain anonymous. Except in Tucson, where they founded the Desert Boyz. That was actually the beginning of the Southern Arizona Gender Alliance. In all my travels in the Southwest I've never seen a city where transmen are so visible, numerous and outspoken. Thanks

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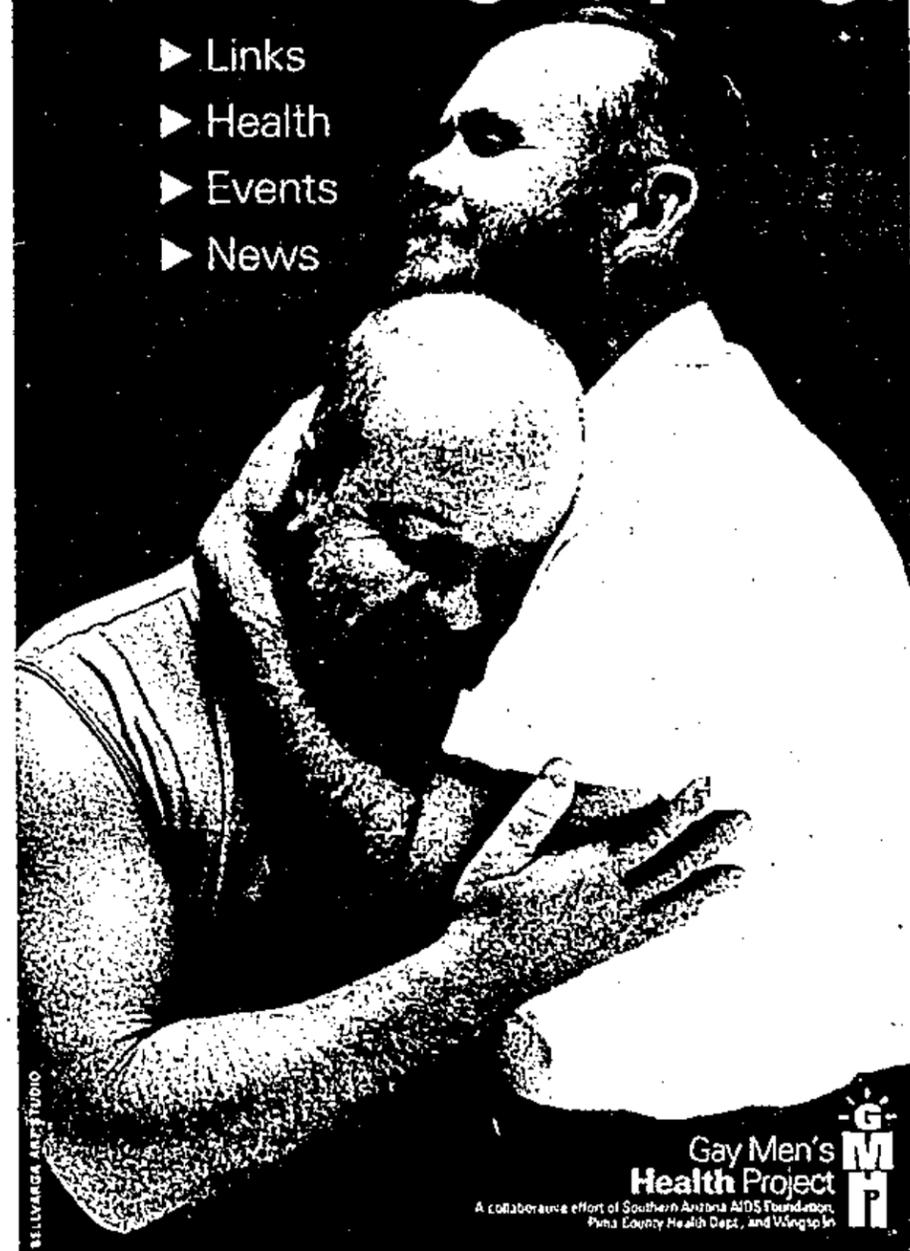
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HOROSCOPES

BY C. LICHTENSTEIN

Expansive Jupiter wends its way into jolly Leo now and blows your bubble gum. This lucky planet changes signs every two years and makes everything and everyone in its path bigger, brighter (well except for some Libras...) and generally happier. Chew on this for a while, comrade, and wait for things to pop.

ARIES

MARCH 21 - APRIL 20

For the past two years you have been happily sitting at home and accepting deliveries. Now, as Jupiter makes its move into gallant Leo, it is high time to get off your duff and seek new audiences for your act. Rainbow Rams can foxtrot at any dance and draw an adoring crowd. Make your best moves before Jupiter oversteps its bounds and mashes a few toes. Ouch!!

TAURUS

APRIL 21 - MAY 21

What fabulous ideas manifest from your blueprints, proud Bull? Jupiter jostles into Leo and makes your home a candidate for Architectural Digest. More is better - room, color, company. Jupiter can also be content to lounge luxuriously and lazily while sipping champagne and nibbling on assorted treats. I guess there are worse ways to while away the time...

GEMINI

MAY 22 - JUNE 21

While pink Twins are normally chatty, the transit of Jupiter in Leo has you virtually frothing at the mouth. Prepare yourself for a period of expanded communication where idle thoughts become pile drivers of action. Got a good idea? Go for it, bucko. Simply daydreaming your assorted revenges? Stand back while the ideas percolate into a spurt-ing volcano. Hm. Anyone we know?

CANCER

JUNE 22 - JULY 23

Your years of personal expansion in all directions will become more directed as Jupiter glides into Leo. Lucky pink Crabs should pounce on any project that hints of a financial payoff. Reap your rewards for the next two years and surround yourself with stimulating over-the-top luxuries. However I personally think the dancing naked nymphs are necessities, not luxuries.

LEO

JULY 24 - AUGUST 23

Jolly Jupiter roars into your own sign this week and lifts the lid on anything wonderful, wet and wild. Expect a pride parade of new faces and interesting, lucky opportunities. Jovial expansion comes in all forms, proud Lion, and that includes your physical appearance. Are we beginning to look at elastic expandable waistbands or tight spandex? Only time will tell.

VIRGO

AUGUST 24 - SEPTEMBER 23

The lid on your Pandora's Box is blown off its hinges when no-holds-barred Jupiter trips into your secret stash. Secrets are broadcast and nothing can be hidden or suppressed. Queer Virgins should brace for the inevitable coming out. It's about time cousin! Welcome every opportunity to make a clean breast of it. Or is it welcome your breast to every opportunity? I forget.

LIBRA

SEPTEMBER 24 - OCTOBER 23

Friendly Gay Libras are usually surrounded by throngs of friends and assorted acquaintances. Now as Jupiter transits Leo, you may find that the overall quality of your platonic relationships improves. Hangers-on fall to the side. Users are spent. Liaisons become exciting, lucky and enriching. So bone up on your social skills. Or maybe use your social skills to bone up. Ahem.

SCORPIO

OCTOBER 24 - NOVEMBER 22

Your road to recognition may be patched and potholed but don't veer off on a detour just yet. Thank goodness lucky Jupiter enters Leo this week and paves your corporate expressway. It's time to set your sights on the corner office and the big paycheck. Proud Scorps are excellent at back room strategies. Now it is time to step out into the forefront and take charge.

SAGITTARIUS

NOVEMBER 23 - DECEMBER 22

If you feel a bit shackled down by things, just wait until liberating Jupiter lunges into Leo. Liberation appears in all shapes and forms. If you are hankering for a change of venue, book your flight now. The sky is the limit and Jupiter opens your portal to the global marketplace. You are a cat on the prowl, queer Archer, so see where you can cat around. It will be purrfect.

CAPRICORN

DECEMBER 23 - JANUARY 20

Closeted pink Caps feel an itch that Jupiter in Leo intends to scratch. Your percolating sexuality cannot be contained and you seem to attract potential lovers like sugar on a hot surface. Don't fight the hunger cousin; your carvings need to be sated. Tickle your tastebuds with a muffin or twinkie. The next two years are a banquet of amazing tastes and smells. Just forget the diet bud!

AQUARIUS

JANUARY 21 - FEBRUARY 19

Itching for a commitment? Lucky Jupiter in generous Leo encourages you to strengthen and expand any meaningful one to one relationship. Wilde Aquarians are ready to be domesticated. Is marriage in the stars sometime in the next two years? What a change of pace! But use this energy to harmonize and not dominate or subjugate. Unless of course that is your thing....

PISCES

FEBRUARY 20 - MARCH 20

You feel in the pink as Jupiter moves into Leo for the next two years. Guppies who might have felt stymied in their job or unfulfilled in their pursuit of the perfect body are given a rare opportunity to shape their luck. Things come easier and serendipity lights your path. Make good use of time, cousin; too soon you'll be back to piles of paperwork and junk food.

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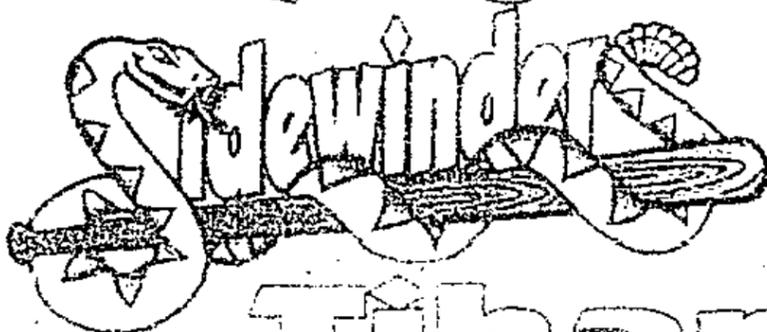
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WHAT MAKES OUR TOWN TICK?
 (calabazamusic@yahoo.com) By Jerry D.

'Late Night Television Never Short On Laughs'

Like most of you readers out there, I don't like being under the weather. It is just not fun when the cold bug takes a hold of you and keeps you from getting out into the world. Being someone that relies on going out more than staying in, it really takes its toll whenever I get sick. This past weekend was such as I found myself living on cold medicine and sleeping for amounts of hours that would make bears jealous. I shook the bug and back on my feet, and with any down situation, found a positive to reflect on and share with my readers.

When sleep takes the majority of the day, night becomes a very interesting time. After most of our establishments are closed (I still say 1 a.m. is too early for closing) the only place you can safely be is of course at home. I have my share of entertainment items to assure that boredom is not on the list of feelings while I am home. After watching movies and listening to music for countless hours, the cable becomes a close friend. In the Old Pueblo, as well as in most cities in our country, we have a form of entertainment that can not be rivaled. I am talking about our access cable channels.

For those of you not familiar with it, Public Access Television was created long ago by the most liberal of geniuses who felt that there were people out there who can produce and air television shows, but did not have the large dollars that commercial networks ask for to air them. Public television is the commercial free alternative to network shows, but still require a major amount of work and campaigning to get your show on PBS. So public access was formed to give the little guy a chance to speak his mind, show his craft, and get an audience that wants to see this form of art.

Tucson's access cable is as wide range as the town itself. It makes for informative as well as entertaining television that can be enjoyed by just about anyone who is awake at the late hours. The rub on all of the programming is the intention of the producers of many of the shows. There is a group of programs who are aiming at a unique audience and in doing so, actually have attracted an even larger audience who tune in to be awestruck at what is being said, shown and aired from them. Freedom of speech takes an entirely new twist with access cable, here are a couple of examples:

There is a weekly astrology show that gives you information regarding the stars and what they hold for you. Now that in itself is nothing you could not get from any newspaper. The kicker is their promotion, aimed to ensure that astrology is not a religion. So of course anyone of any faith could watch the program and feel safe that they are not betraying their pastor on Sunday morning after listening to them on Saturday night. Now if my history serves me right, isn't that how Santeria was created and flourished in our country? The two women who run the show are worth checking it out alone. They not only share views on the stars, but the stars tell them to wear the same outfit and lairdo each episode. I guess its a lot more lucrative when they are apart to be spotted. (hey honey, I saw the astrology lady at the mall today. That's funny dear, I could have sworn I saw her at the market)

There is a program produced by a group of people who believe in segregation. Now there is nothing funny about segregation, I have to interject with that, but the show attempts to disguise itself as one

about history. They interview people who you read about in the gossip newspapers we all see in the supermarkets. They have historical data to disprove everything from lunar landing to the holocaust of World War II. Its almost sad how they sit there with serious intention to claim that they have historical data to argue historical events of our time. Needless to say that the word oxymoron took new light when I watched this show. I was wondering if my cold medicine was playing tricks on me.

Television is a media that has done more good than harm in our nations history. I can always win a standing argument with anyone who says that television is causing a lot of what is making it scary to live in these times. What most of those who side with the evil that it has caused miss is the true intention of the invention. The first image that came across a cathode ray tube all those years ago, was one of Felix the Cat. I am sure that the inventors at that time were not looking to make this tool as one of sending the world the message of grief, fear, or despair. Time has of course changed that attitude, but we still have a shining hope for what has been created.

If you are up late at night, and have cable in your home, there is no better entertainment. You can take each program for face value, or you can take it apart in a rage of wondering how anyone like that got a show. Either way, its still a box, with a bunch of transistors (I don't think they make tubes any more) that is there to give us pleasure. Access Cable can launch a career, or let a career fade into the sunset. Keep viewing, and keep reading. Have a great week.

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Laugh It Off

By Frieda Goodholm

'Frieda Goodholm's Diary'

While she's not a household name, Christine Lavin is one of our generation's most astute and observant singer/song-writers. Highly respected on the folk music scene for her often touching, often hilarious lyrics, Christine once wrote a song entitled "Blind Dating Fun". The chorus of the song is "How many times will I have to tell some stranger my life story/Which gets longer and longer and longer the longer I live on this earth?/And how many time will I pretend I'm fascinated by the ordinary details/Of the lives of the strangers that we encounter on our search?"

And for those of you who read the popular book "Bridget Jones's Diary" (and if you haven't read, RUN out RIGHT NOW and get a copy, and no, seeing the inane Hollywood movie is NOT the same thing, not by a long shot), you know through her experiences the traumas of being a singleton in a world of smug marrieds.

But what is a gorgeous, charming, witty yet single girl, like myself, supposed to do in a world where dating can be so tough? My two options are either A) become a crazy old spinster who talks to her 67 cats, and truly believes they talk BACK or B) endure the vivisection, knowing that dating in the year 2002 is like diving blindfolded for a pearl at the bottom of an Olympic sized swimming pool filled with Nair. Lest we become crazy cat ladies, we sally forth, somehow believing that if we throw enough ca-ca against the wall, some of it is bound to stick. So, from within the ca-ca ridden walls of my room of one's own, I give you my diary of Frieda on a date.

2:00 a.m. Unable to sleep, as date with Mr. _____ is in only 18 hours. Must remember to tweeze before date.

2:15 a.m. Also must remember to find something slimming and darling to wear. Still can't sleep, will have one more fag before going back to bed.

2:52 a.m. Wondering if Mr. _____ is really as cute in person as his voice sounded on phone. Hope he is cute, but not too cute. Too cute can be v. bad. If he bears to close a resemblance to Alec Baldwin will have to put bag over my head. Hope he likes big girls. Must remember not to sleep with him on first date.

3:19 a.m. Must remember to clean cobwebs off ceiling light fixture soon.

10:08 a.m. Damn! Overslept for work. Now must endure sideways looks from coworkers and questioning from boss.

5:12 p.m. Should have light pre-dinner date snack so as not to be too hungry on date and embarrass self by catting like German shepherd. Drive through Jack in the Box.

5:24 p.m. Now have onion breath. Must remember to stop at Circle K and pick up Listerine communion wafer things, so as not to offend Mr. _____

6:00 p.m. Mustn't fret over impending date. "The Rules" says that is v. bad. Must get my mind off meeting potential future ex in only 2 hours. Will watch "Golden Girls" so as to distract self.

7:05 p.m. I still have no idea of what to wear. Will consider options while in shower.

7:12 p.m. Must remember to

shave, brush teeth thoroughly, moisturize, exfoliate, smell like garden of earthly delights. When did that pimple show up? v. bad timing. Must remember to clip and file all nails. Must leave house no later than 7:30, allowing plenty of time to get to restaurant.

7:37 p.m. For the life of me, unable to find matching socks that coordinate with outfit. Suppose I can wear khaki ones if I wear the brown shows and change belt.

7:39 p.m. Where are keys? Perhaps have been abducted as part of plot to foil date.

7:43 p.m. Remember aforementioned plan to stop at Circle K for breath mints. No time now, perhaps some in car. Cough drop, that's close, will have to suffice.

8:01 p.m. Arrive at restaurant, Mr. _____ is there waiting. Looks like a very pleasant gentleman.

8:19 p.m. Mr. _____ seems v. relaxed and apparently did not lose sleep over issues such as tweezing or selecting proper outfit for date. I spill water on self. Why is my entire life a Jerry Lewis movie?

8:53 p.m. conversation light, pleasant. Am trying to be like a breath of fresh air, like a bouquet of daisies, like a creature unlike any other, or whatever it said in that stupid how to find a husband book. He looks bored.

9:20 p.m. we exchange friendly hugs and "I'll call you"s

9:21 p.m. light fag in car, realize that wasn't nearly as difficult or painful as I had anticipated. Was relaxed and cordial.

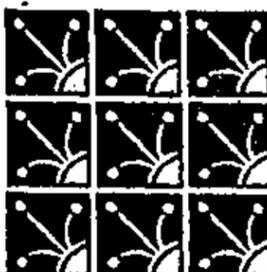
10:07 p.m. Have changed out of darling outfit and into t-shirt. Reviewing date in mind, perhaps Mr. _____ is not MOMD (man of my dreams), perhaps spark was absent, but very nice and pleasant man. had good time, now realize pre-date fretting was a bit extreme.

So I had a good time, and it really didn't even hurt. It would have been great if there had been that "where have you been all my life?" feeling, but there wasn't, and that's okay. Maybe the casual dating scene isn't all that terrible after all. But just in case, I think I'll take a trip to the humane society tomorrow and see what cats they have who are in need of someone to love them.

And that thought, of strays who are free to good home, is Miss Frieda Goodholm's lesson for the week.

Best,
Frieda Goodholm

Want to say "Love it!" or "Shove it!"? Contact Frieda at friedagoodholm@hotmail.com



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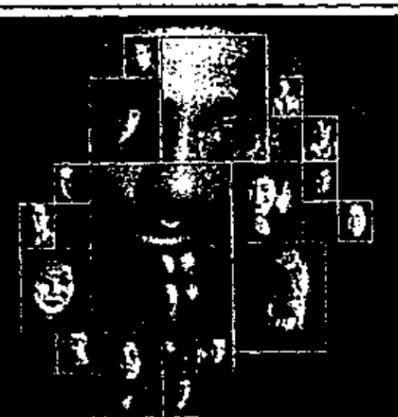
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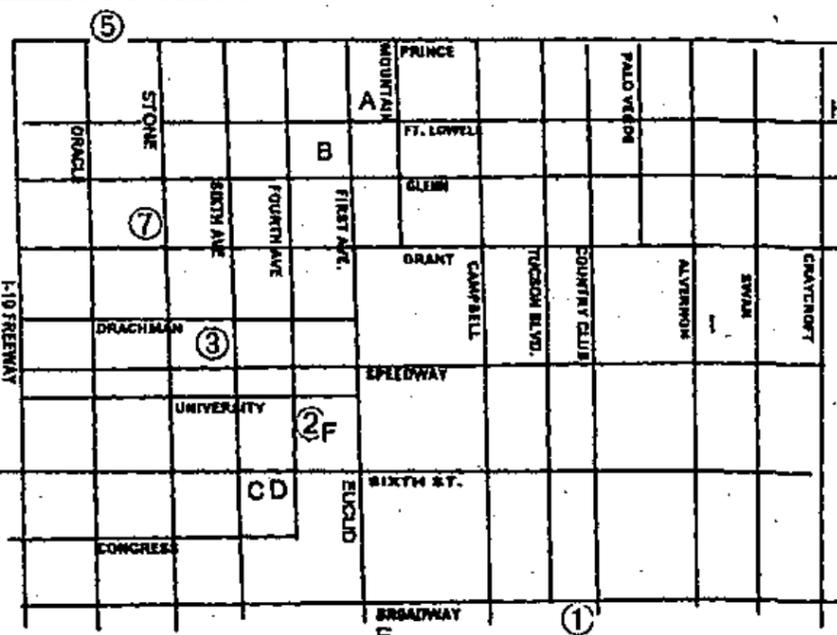
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Dear Dr. X,

I am horny and seem to jackoff several times a day and find myself searching the Internet with one hand in my pants. Am I sick for trying to satisfy my need to cum over the Internet? I am married and do not want to actually have sex with another man for fear my wife would find out and dump me. I have a job that I do from home so I spend hours trying to shoot my load while on the Internet.

Horny.com

Dear Horny.com,

Through the Internet, men from all over the world are able to share their sexual passions with each other in ways that were never dreamed of just a few years ago. When you log on to get off, it is actually not a solo activity. Thousands upon thousands of men like you are looking at the same pictures in one giant virtual orgy. There's clearly nothing "sick" about looking at hot pictures and pleasuring yourself. Nor is there anything wrong with a married man looking at pics of other guys. The fact of the matter is that all young men grow up handling their own cocks and getting turned on by their own bodies, so it's no wonder that the sight of a naked man is sometimes a turn-on. And when you see another guy working his equipment, you know exactly how he feels because you're wired the same way. I know there are many reasons for you to stay in your marriage and I admire the fact that you are not going to cheat on your wife. The Internet seems to be a good sexual release outlet for you. Given the fact that there could be options you have that would no doubt ruin your relationship. It would take a lifetime of cruising dark alleyways and bathhouses to get to see as many gorgeous men as you could come across in one evening on the Internet, plus you avoid several physical and health risks!

Dear Dr. X,

I have a problem with my boyfriend. I thought everything was perfect until recently when we got into a fight because he is upset that I have school (full-time) and work (part-time). With finals and everything else I was very tired and stressed out. One day I told him that I needed some time for myself, and he just snapped. I told him that even though I love his support and love being with him, sometimes you need some time alone. We got into an argument and he said some harsh things to me. He was angry (so I kind of understood) but I'm a very emotional per-

son and when I began to cry he told me that I shouldn't start that mess (crying) that's just how women act and if he wanted a whining B**SH, he would have been with a girl. Other things were said and they really hurt. I haven't spoken to him in about a week. I do miss him but my pride and the hurt prevent me from seeing him again even though he calls and tries to come over. What should I do?

Mike

Dear Mike,

If your boyfriend can't respect your need for time alone, he is not ready to make this relationship work. If he is not able to understand your emotional side, then he is not capable of connecting with you on more than a superficial level. He clearly has problems of his own, and I'm not knocking him for that. He has likely learned over the course of his life to suppress his own emotions. But that is an issue he needs to work out, and the last thing you need right now is to be abused for being human. There is a lot more about this relationship I don't know about. How long have you been together? Has this kind of situation happened before? Would some kind of couples counseling help your relationship? Is your partner even open to counseling? If he isn't, is this partnership a losing battle? If you can answer these questions and you don't like what you see, I would advise you to tell this man to take a hike. At this point in your

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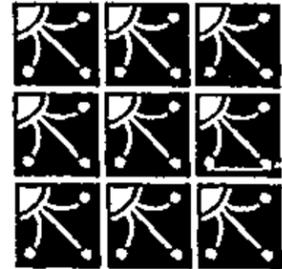
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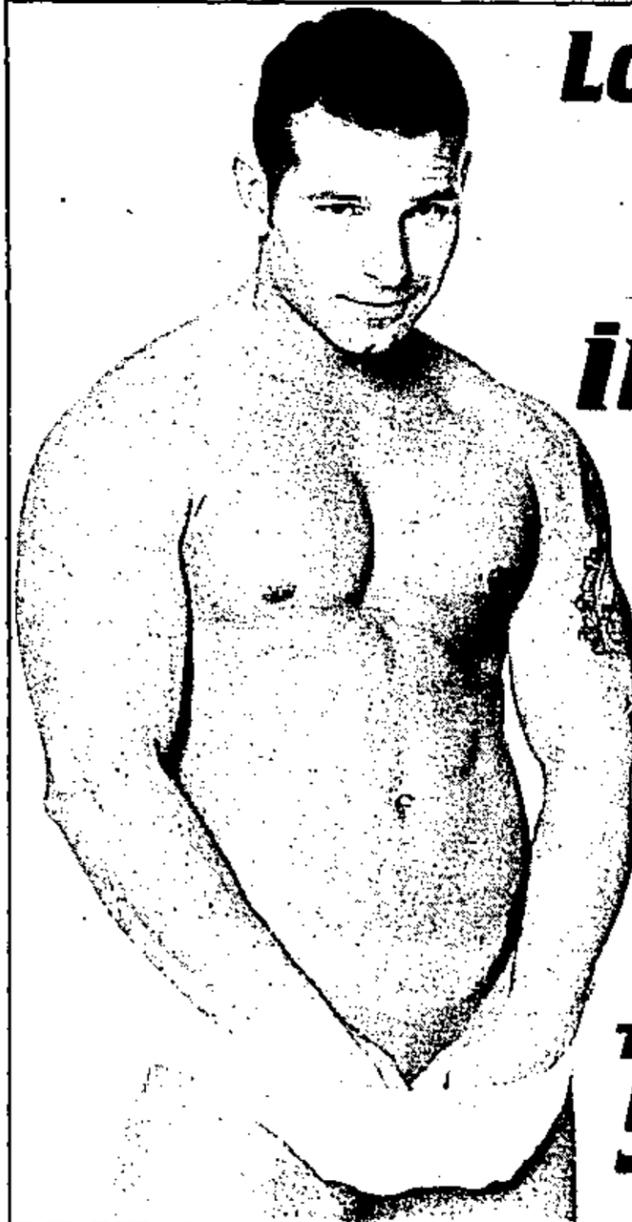
life you need a more understanding and nurturing partner, and in the meantime you can manage just fine on your own.

[Dr. X needs your questions. Please send all your queries to gmhpoutreach@saaf.org or mail them to SAAF/GMHP, 375 S. Euclid, Tucson, AZ 85719. You can also check out Dr. X online at www.gmhp.org.]



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Non-Bar Calendar

Groups / Clubs / Organizations

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 14

Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 1:00 p.m. Join T. Jay for a great Lunch Out at Cody's Beef 'n' Beans. For reservations and directions, please call T. Jay at 881-7919.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 15

A Men's Fellowship Group starts at 7:00 p.m. at the Water of Life MCC. All men are invited to come and expand your relationship with God. You need not be a church member to participate. For more information call (520)292-9151.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 16

Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. Join Carlos as he hosts Pizza Night. For only \$5, you get pizza, salad, drinks and desserts. For reservations and directions, please call Carlos at 887-1188.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 17

#1. Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:30 a.m. Join 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): 7:00 p.m. Bill will host Pinochle Night. If you don't know how to play, but would like to learn, this is the place. For more information, please call Bill at 297-3589.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 18

#1. Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 3:00 p.m. Art & Jeff host a movie with dinner. They'll provide the main dish, and you bring a side dish or dessert. The movie will be "L.I.E.". Seating is limited. For reservations and directions, please call Art or Jeff at 782-9135.

#2. Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 8:30 p.m. Perry hosts a night devoted to Mah Jong. Join the experienced players, or learn how to play for the first time. For reservations and directions, please call Perry or Stephen at 321-4387.

3:30 - 5:30 p.m. the Men's Group Massage. A great way to meet new men and make friends. Good clean fun. Fee. Marc 881-4562.

MONDAY, AUGUST 19

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

TUESDAY, AUGUST 20

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 733-9494.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 22

Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 1:00 p.m. Join Doug for a great Lunch Out at the Cafe Poca Cosa. For reservations and directions, please call Doug at 520-803-0715.

A Men's Fellowship Group starts at 7:00 p.m. at the Water of Life MCC. All men are invited to come and expand your relationship with God. You need not be a church member to participate. For more information call (520)292-9151.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 23

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

#2. Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:30 p.m. Join Jerry & Lea for the premiere of "Six Feet Under". This is an addictive, well written, comedy-drama about a dysfunctional family who owns a funeral home. Seating is limited. For reservations and directions, please contact Jerry at 690-9565.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 24

#1. Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 9:00 a.m. Join Jack for a morning of tennis. For directions, please call Jack at 881-5733.

#2. Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. Merv will host Pinochle Night. If you don't know how to play, but would like to learn, this is the place. For more information, please call Merv at 745-0304.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 25

Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 1:00 p.m. Join T. Jay and Robert for a Sing-A-Long. They've got the piano, and now they just want some voices to join for some standards and other fun songs. For reservations and directions, please call T. Jay or Robert at 881-7919.

A big fund-raiser for TIHAN today. It's the annual Sidewinder's baseball game - TIHAN Benefit. \$25 includes a \$10 donation to TIHAN; Luxury Sky box to watch the game; food and a cash bar. For tickets or more information call David Locke at 328-1952 or TIHAN at 299-6647.

MONDAY, AUGUST 26

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

BAR CALENDAR

OF UPCOMING EVENTS

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 14

IBTS - 8:00p.m. It's the "Divulicious" Show hosted by Lucinda Holiday and starring Stella Virgin, Adrienne Alexander and Samantha White.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 15

VENTURE-N - Underwear Party here. Be here or be square!

FRIDAY, AUGUST 16

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - Latin Night and Souza Homages promo. Latin music with DJ Hill from 8:00 p.m. to close. \$1.50 Tequila shots, \$2.50 Tequila Sunrise from 8:00 p.m. to close. Souza Promo 10-11 p.m. with \$2.00 Souza shots. Lots of give-aways. No Cover.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 18

IBTS - Party line-up includes Dennis and Sean's Recovery Bar from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. \$1.75 Bloody Marys, Screwdrivers or Mimosa's. 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 weeks proceeds go to Wingspan. From 7:30 to 8:30 the Bud Team will be here for more fun and games. Prizes and specials. Then at 9:00 p.m., it's sign-up time for the Wet Shorts Contest. The winner gets \$125.00!!! Not too shabby! There has to be a minimum of four contestants to make this contest official so be sure to sign-up!

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 21

IBTS - 9:00 p.m. "Divulicious" Show hosted by Lucinda Holiday and starring Jenee Starr, Samantha White and Deora Le Blanc.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 31

VENTURE-N - Their big Jungle Party is scheduled so get your costumes and whatever together and get ready to Party!

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

YARD DOG - A big "Country Carnival" is in the works here. It starts at 2:00 p.m. and runs to whenever. Food, games and country dancing!

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 2 - Labor Day

YARD DOG - Labor Day Bar-B-Que will be served from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Come on by.

Daily Bar Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - Open 2pm. Beer Bust 5-10. \$1.25 pitchers Bud or Bud Light. Latin Music with DJ Hill 9pm to close. Drink & Shot specials all night.</p> <p>IBTS - 10am-6pm \$1.75 Bloody's, Screws or Mimosa's. Benefit B-B-Q and Beer Bust for community organizations 6:30-8pm. 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.</p> <p>VENTURE-N - Open 10am. Patio open 3pm. Daily special til 7pm. Patio Beer bust 3-7. Burger Bar-B-Que 6-7. (Donation only).</p> <p>WOODY'S - Open 11am. \$1.50 Bloody Marys, screwdrivers, Mimosa's; Happy Hour 11am-6pm \$2 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.</p> <p>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.</p>	<p>AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - Open 2pm. Happy Hour Two-For-One domestics and well 2-7pm. Free pool 8-10pm. 50¢ cups draft Bud & Bud Light 8pm to close.</p> <p>IBTS - Open 11am. Happy Hours 11am-8pm, \$2 domestic beer and well. 4-9pm. Hot dance with DJ Rayman Uncle Monde with Jay. Happy Hour prices for those in their undies 9pm-close. Queer As Folk show beginning at 8pm. All drink specials not available during special events.</p> <p>VENTURE-N - Open 10am. Patio 5pm. Daily specials til 7pm.</p> <p>WOODY'S - Open Noon. \$2 well or domestic beer til 8pm. Karaoke w/Billy Dee 8pm to close.</p> <p>YARD DOG - Open daily 6am. 50¢ off any Scotch until 7pm. Kennel open daily at 5pm.</p>	<p>AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - Open 2pm. Happy Hour 2-7pm. Pool tourney 7:30pm. \$3 entry, bar matches pot. Country music 9pm to close. \$2 bottled Bud products 8pm to close.</p> <p>IBTS - Open 11am. Happy Hours 11am-8pm, \$2 domestic beer and well. 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 close W/DJ-Q.</p> <p>VENTURE-N - Open 10am. Patio 5pm. Daily specials til 7pm.</p> <p>WOODY'S - Open Noon. \$2 well or domestic til 8pm. Tropical drink specials 8 to close. \$3 zombies, Jungle Juice, Mai Tai's.</p> <p>YARD DOG - Open daily 6am. 50¢ off any Tequila until 7pm. Kennel open daily at 5pm.</p>	<p>AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - Open 2pm. Happy Hour 2-4-1 domestic beer and well from 2-7pm. 90s retro music 8pm - close. \$1.25 pitchers of Bud/Bud Light or \$1 Tequila shots 8pm to close.</p> <p>IBTS - Open 11am. Happy Hours 11am-8pm, \$2 domestic beer and well. 8pm "Divulicious" show w/Lucinda Holiday and guests. HINRG Dancing with DJ-Q. All drink specials not available during special events.</p> <p>VENTURE-N - Open 10am. Patio 5pm. 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TUESDAY, AUGUST 27

#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 733-9494.

#2. Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. Bridge Night will meet at Terry'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 Terry at 577-3545.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 31

#1. Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. Bill will host Pinochle Night. If you don't know how to play, but would like to learn, this is the place. For more information, please call Bill at 297-3589.



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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 Doran Esay, 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 36264, Tucson, AZ 85740-8264. 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 528-9344, 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 681-1794 - 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.

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

WINGSPAN - Tucson's Gay, Lesbian & Bisexual Community Center, 300 E. 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.

HIKE & 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. 322-5855. Leave message. TucsonSources@aol.com

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

ATTENTION ALL NUDISTS - Tucson Tanners is a nudist group open to all - Nude activities scheduled both indoor and outdoors. Not "Gay Only", but Gays are welcome and invited to join. For further information send SASE to: Tucson Tanners, P.O. Box 64-G, Cortaro, AZ 86652.

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

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

LESBIAN AND GAY AL-ANON - Affected by someone's drinking? Meeting every Tuesday 8:45 to 9:45 p.m. at Lambda Center, 2940 E. Thomas, Phoenix. Efile 581-8850 or Ronn 668-2384.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE GROUP - Outreach to Gay and Lesbian people in Arizona. Meets monthly. Write to P.O. Box 893, Phoenix, AZ 85001 or call Eddy Walters, (602)371-1102

CRONIES SOCIAL GROUP. A Social group for Gay men who enjoy the fellowship of their peers. Call Leo at 624-6768.

GUYS BOOK CLUB meets 4th Tuesday of each month at 7pm, Rainbow Plane: Coffee House, 608 N. 4th Ave.

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T-SQUARES Lesbian and Gay square dance club meets every Tuesday* from 6:30-9:00 p.m. at Cornerstone Fellowship Social Hall, 2902 N. Geronimo (near 1st Ave. and Laguna) Open to All. Call Liz at 325-9468 or Ray at 749-5247.

LIGHTNING LIGHTING will provide lighting for AIDS and related benefits at no charge. For more info call Adrienne at 629-7268.

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 Phamily! For more information call Debbie 579-9827 or David 323-7943.

LESBIAN/GAY WRITERS: Workshop at 7:00 p.m. third Wednesday of every month. Read and critique current projects. Network and support. For info call 325-4737.

DESERT VOICES, Tucson's Gay & Lesbian Chorus rehearses Monday evenings from 6:30 to 9:30pm at Armory Park Senior Center, 220 S. 6th Ave. Call 791-9662.

Join the LESBIAN & GAY PUBLIC AWARENESS PROJECT. In Tucson with Awareness Project, 3681 N. Campbell Ave. #365, Tucson, AZ 85719.

AA Meeting with HIV/AIDS focus, Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m., MCC Church, 3269 N. Mountain. All alcoholics welcome.

MEN'S SOCIAL NETWORK: Social organization for men of all ages. Building an extended Gay family in Tucson. Monthly social potluck gatherings the first Saturday of each month and almost weekly social activities. Call Jerry at 690-6565 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 299-6647.

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 631-4582 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 815-8438 for more info.

TUCSON PRIDE, INC. meets on the second Tuesday in the Sentinel Building, City of Tucson Community Resource Campus, 320 N. Commerce Park Loop (on Bonita St. between Congress and St. Marys Road) at 7 pm. Tucson Pride produces Pride events: Pride Week, Gay West and OutOverFest. Inquiries about support groups and individual needs should be directed to Wingspan and other local agencies listed here. For more information call 632-3200 or visit the 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)742-7893 or go to our web site http://www.tgsa softball.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 CareTeams to support HIV+ persons, a referral network of HIV-sensitive clergy, and interfaith services of healing and hope. For more information call 269-6647.

LESBIAN/GAY/BI-SEXUAL OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS. Saturdays 1 to 2pm new location Wingspan, 300 E. 6th St. Contacts 325-6678 or 327-4293.

ANONYMOUS HIV COUNSELING AND TESTING is available through the Pima County Health Department at sites throughout Tucson, Very Gay Friendly. For more information or to make an appointment call 791-7876.

GRACE GROUP - CATHOLIC GAY/LESBIAN SUPPORT GROUP meets every 2nd and 4th Monday at 7:30 p.m. in the Madonna Hall at Saint Peter and Paul Catholic Church, 1438 N. Campbell across from University Hospital. For more info, Call Anabel at 323-0892

SMART (Self Management And Recovery Training) is 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 393

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

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

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

OUTLOUD! Tucson's premiere Local Lesbian and Gay Radio Show, broadcast every Wednesday at 8:03 pm on 91.3 FM, Community Radio KXCI. The show "This Way Out", a nationally syndicated Lesbian and Gay radio show is aired at 5:30 pm every Wednesday.

THEATER / DINNER / ETC! Non-Smoking Lesbian Network meets every 3rd Saturday night of each month. If you'd like to meet women 35+ (flexible) and socialize in a smoke-free environment 828-8010 before 10:00 p.m. The group dines out and attends shows or movies. Now in their 16th year! (2nd in Tucson).

SOUTHERN ARIZONA GENDER ALLIANCE (SAGA). Meetings on the 1st Monday, 7pm. Desert Girls (MTF) Meets 2nd Monday at 7pm. Desert Boys meets 3rd Tuesday at 7pm. of every month. All meetings take place at Wingspan, 300 E. 6th St. Call 624-1779 for more info. SAGA Email: @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) 602-415-1123. 24-hr multi-choice message including information, calendar and location.

ARIZONA AIDS POLICY ALLIANCE (AZAPA) seeks to educate legislators and citizens about sound AIDS policy. For more information write AZAPA, 6523 N. 14th St., #112, Phoenix, AZ 85014 or call 602-779-4805.

DESERT DOMINION TUCSON'S 100% CONSENSUAL, Pan-Fetish, Pan-Sexual, Informational, Educational, Safe Space for the BDSM, SSM, D&S and TV community. For more info call (520)792-6424 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).

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)534-6219 (Phoenix)

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

TUCSON CATHOLIC GAY & LESBIAN FAMILY MINISTRY. Currently meeting the 4th Monday of every month at SS Peter & Paul Church, Madonna Hall 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Fr. 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 293-6624.

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, 6:30 p.m. each month at Santa Cruz Lutheran Church, 6809 S. Cardinal Ave. For information visit www.lutucson.org write: 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 817-3100 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: algoodrum@uwest.net.org

"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

PASSAGES MENTALK - Discussion group and more for men in their 30s, 40s and late 20s. A great way to meet people. Meeting 3rd Tuesday of each month at Wingspan 7-9pm. Call 780-8714 for more information.

SUPPORT GROUP FOR RECOVERING ADDICTS AND ALCOHOLICS. Group meets every Saturday 7-8pm in Cornerstone Fellowship hall, 2902 N. Geronimo. 622-4826 or 750-8404.

SOUTHERN ARIZONA STONEWALL DEMOCRATS meet 3rd Monday of each month 7pm at 4839 E. First Street. Call Joyce 743-4320 or Maurice 323-2293. All LGBT Democrats and supporters welcome. TucsonStonewall@aol.com

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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 36264, 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 528-8344, 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 681-1794 - 8 am - 5 pm Mon. - Fri.

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

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.

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

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

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

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

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

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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, Elie 581-8850 or Ronn 968-2384.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE GROUP - Outreach to Gay and Lesbian people in Arizona. Meets monthly. Write to P.O. Box 893, Phoenix, AZ 85001 or call Eddy Walters, (602)371-1102

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LIGHTING LIGHTING will provide lighting for AIDS and related benefits at no charge. For more info call Adrienne at 859-7268.

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 Phamily! For more information call Debbie 579-8827 or David 323-7943.

LESBIAN/GAY WRITERS: Workshop at 7:00 p.m. third Wednesday of every month. Read and critique current projects. Network and support. For info call 325-4737.

DESERT VOICES, Tucson's Gay & Lesbian Chorus rehearses Monday evenings from 6:30 to 9:30pm at Armory Park Senior Center, 220 S. 8th Ave. Call 791-9652.

Join the LESBIAN & GAY PUBLIC AWARENESS PROJECT. In Tucson write Awareness Project, 2661 N. Campbell Ave. #385, Tucson, AZ 85719.

AA Meeting with HIV/AIDS focus, Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m., MCC Church, 3269 N. Mountain. All alcoholics welcome.

MEN'S SOCIAL NETWORK: Social organization for men of all ages. Building an extended Gay family in Tucson. Monthly social potluck gatherings the first Saturday of each month and almost weekly social activities. Call Jerry at 690-8565 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 299-6647.

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 625-7223.

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 815-8438 for more info.

TUCSON PRIDE, INC. meets on the second Tuesday in the Sentinel Building, City of Tucson Community Resource Campus, 320 N. Commerce Park Loop (on Bonita St. between Congress and St. Marys Road) at 7 pm. Tucson Pride produces Pride events: Pride Week, Gay West and OutFest. Inquiries about support groups and individual needs should be directed to Wingspan and other local agencies listed here. For more information call 632-3200 or visit the website www.tucsonpride.com

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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 CareTeams to support HIV+ persons, a referral network of HIV-sensitive clergy, and interfaith services of healing and hope. For more information call 299-8847.

LESBIAN/GAY/BI-SEXUAL OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS. Saturdays 1 to 2pm new location Wingspan, 300 E. 6th St. Contacts: 325-6678 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 791-7676.

GRACE GROUP - CATHOLIC GAY/LESBIAN SUPPORT GROUP meets every 2nd and 4th Monday at 7:30 p.m. in the Madonna Hall at Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Church, 1436 N. Campbell across from University Hospital. For more info, Call Anabel at 325-6692

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 393

SENIORRAP, a discussion group for older LGBTs, meets from 3 to 5pm on the 1st Sunday of every month at Wingspan, 300 E. 6th St. For more info call 840-0820

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AZdykes is a new email list for Lesbians living in Arizona. For information mail/yan@therar.er.com and request guidelines.

OUTLOUD! Tucson's premiere Local Lesbian and Gay Radio Show, broadcast every Wednesday at 6:00 pm on 91.3 FM, Community Radio KXCI. The show "This Way Out", a nationally syndicated Lesbian and Gay radio show is aired at 5:30 pm every Wednesday.

THEATER / DINNER / ETC! Non-Smoking Lesbian Network meets every 3rd Saturday night of each month. If you'd like to meet women 35+ (flexible) and socialize in a smoke-free environment 885-8010 before 10:00 p.m. The group dines out and attends shows or movies. Now in their 16th year! (2nd in Tucson).

SOUTHERN ARIZONA GENDER ALLIANCE (SAGA). Meetings on the 1st Monday, 7pm. Desert Girls (MTF) 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. SAGA E-mail: @aol.com http://members.aol.com/sagatmail

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

ARIZONA AIDS POLICY ALLIANCE (AZAPA) seeks to educate legislators and citizens about sound AIDS policy. For more information write AZAPA, 6523 N. 14th St., #112, Phoenix, AZ 85014 or call 602-728-4805.

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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)534-8219 (Phoenix)

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

TUCSON CATHOLIC GAY & LESBIAN FAMILY MINISTRY. Currently meeting the 4th Monday of every month at 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 Doc or Barbara 293-6624.

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, 6:30 p.m. each month at Santa Cruz Lutheran Church, 6809 S. Cardinal Ave. For information visit www.lctucson.org write: LC, 7014 E. Golf Links Road, PMB 212, Tucson, AZ 85730.

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

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

TGNatArizona: The central source for news and information for, by and about the TS, TG, and Gender-varient communities of Arizona. Website URL: http://www.tgnatizona.org - e-mail address: siggoodrum@uwest.net.org

"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

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SUPPORT GROUP FOR RECOVERING ADDICTS AND ALCOHOLICS. Group meets every Saturday 7-9pm in Cornerstone Fellowship hall, 2902 N. Geronimo. 622-4826 or 750-6404.

SOUTHERN ARIZONA STONEWALL DEMOCRATS meet 3rd Monday of each month 7pm at 4638 E. First Street. Call Jesse 743-4320 or Maurice 323-2293. All LGBT Democrats and supporters welcome. TucsonStonewall@aol.com

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NOTES FROM THE FOR-REAL SIDE

by Lee Thorn

Fans Unite!

Are we actually going to have a baseball strike over revenue sharing? Has it really come to this? Is the great national pastime going to be interrupted by disputes about straight pools and split pools and something called a "quartile"?

Owner reps and player reps are trying to figure out a way to make the game more competitive. It's not that competitive now because teams in major markets can afford to spend more money to hire players than teams in smaller markets can. The revenue sharing concept involves taking some money from the rich teams and giving it to the poor teams to reduce the disparity between what they can spend on player salaries.

The owners want a "straight pool." The players want a "split pool." The straight pool gives all the clubs receiving money an equal share. The split pool gives the poorest teams more money than the medium-revenue teams.

The idea that the best solution for baseball itself is likely to emerge from the sharply adversarial haggling between owners and players, neither group ever having shown great regard for the welfare of the sport, is absurd. The idea that revenue sharing is a solution to any of baseball's problems seems questionable. In fact there's something kind of counter intuitive about businesses that are supposed to be competing against each other sharing their revenues.

What baseball could really use to offset the influences of the players union and the owners conspiracy is a fans union. A fans union could probably come up with a workable solution to the problem of non-competitiveness in the game. And maybe a fans union could impose its solution by threatening a boycott. Talk about your poetic justice.

The fans union would probably start its deliberations with an assessment of the current situation that couldn't be disputed. Of course it's true that the poorest teams can't very well compete with the richest teams, but there are some equally important truths.

One key truth is that no one believes that big league players are underpaid,

not even the big league players themselves. Another key truth is that tickets and refreshments are grossly overpriced.

The fans union would probably come up with a plan that would address all these issues, a plan that, unlike revenue sharing which makes things fairer, would make things just plain fair. Why go for fairer when you've got fair in easy reach?

How's this for fair? Figure out the exact mathematical average of what all the teams pay in player salaries and then pass a league rule that no team can pay more than that amount. Example: Say that in 2001 the 30 teams combined paid 30 billion in salaries. That averages out to one billion per team. As of the starting year of the new plan, no team can spend more than one billion in salaries. Note the sweet simplicity of the plan, the complete absence of pools and quartiles.

Even though the players are rich, we don't want to freeze their pay potential while the rest of the economy marches merrily on. Every year the total amount for salaries should be adjusted for inflation. Players would still be rich, but their relative wealth would stop ballooning beyond sanity. And owners would save money under this plan, which savings would permit them to bring ticket and hotdog prices back to earth.

If the fans don't get organized and take control of this game, there's a real danger that the owners reps and the players reps will continue to cause strikes and lockouts until everyone gets frustrated and loses all interest in it. Then we'll be a nation without a national pastime, a sad prospect indeed.

And while we're improving the game, how about making it go a little faster? Do we really need to see a player trot around the bases after hitting a homer? And when there's nobody on base, do we really need to see the pitcher throw four balls to give an intentional walk? Couldn't he just point to first base and nod or something?

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

Transgender Legal

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Pauline Park, a Transgendered woman and co-chair of the New York Association for Gender Rights Advocacy told Fox the ranks of the Transgendered are relatively few.

"This is a marginalized community, the group is small compared to the total population," Park said. "This translates into political weakness. But compared to what it was 10 years ago, it's huge and more powerful and largely more effective."

Fox notes the scale of change is apparent in the number of jurisdictions (46) with laws explicitly mentioning the Transgendered - including states, counties and cities - and exempting them from discrimination in housing and employment.

"When we formed three years ago, no one from New York City or New York State was talking seriously about Transgender law," said Park. "Now, Transgender rights are at the forefront" of Gay rights issues. We have been able to transform our cause."

Gender Pride

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To Desert Boyz we're blessed with the presence here of Transgender activists like Alexander John Goodrum, Michael Woodward, and Kevin Maxcy.

The Desert Boyz monthly meeting is always the third Tuesday of the month, so this month it's next Tuesday, the twentieth. Anyone with any FTM inclinations is welcome, along with their partners. As always, the meeting is at 7:00 p.m. at Wingspan, 300 E. Sixth Street.

I forgot to mention the men's sweat lodge last Saturday. There will be another one on September 7. Meanwhile the women's sweat is coming up on August 24. Write sirc@hotmail.com you're interested. Lest I forget something else important, you can remind me at jonikmausse@yahoo.com. See ya, Sweetiel



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