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## OUToberFEST in Tucson Saturday, October 12

TUCSON (ON) - Thousands of Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender (GLBT) and straight supportive Tucsonans and from other parts of the state and the West will converge on the DeMeester Outdoor Performance Center in Reid Park in Tucson, Saturday, October 12. They will be marking OUToberFEST, the national and international Coming Out Day.

This year's theme, organizers of the local event, Tucson Pride Inc., said was "Pride: It's Not Just A Gay Thing."

A slew of local and national entertainers, including: Desert Voices, Bloopa Doopa, Reveille Gay Men's Chorus, several of Tucson's most noted female impersonators, LeeAnne Savage & The Audacity, Disco Divas Cynthia Manley and Jessica Williams, Jane Crowe and Blues Inc., Yvonne Pera, Jody Light, Digital Soldiers, The Aaron Nelson Project and Kristi Martel will perform on two stages during the day of the event, scheduled to run from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. and being emceed by Bunny FuFu, Diana Flair and Mr. Las Vegas Gay Pride 2002, Sebastian Cole.

In addition to the entertainment, organizers of the event stated that booths, featuring information from local community groups, statewide organizations and wares from GLBT owned and straight supportive businesses.

Tucson Pride Inc. are requesting a \$5 donation, with proceeds going to local GLBT groups and organizations. They also noted that due to heightened security, no backpacks, large bags, ice chests or personal water bottles will be permitted into the event by the Tucson Police Department. Purses and diaper bags will also be subject

### Financial Doubts Trip Up Gay Games

SYDNEY, Australia - Concern that the Gay Games may face a financial crisis similar to that of the Sydney Gay and Lesbian Mardi Gras has led to a freezing of millions of dollars in Games funds, according to a Sydney newspaper.

Ticketek, the vendor handling ticket sales for the various Games events, has reportedly refused to release \$2.5 million (Australian) as a protection for ticket-buyers in the event that the athletic competition is canceled, reported the [Gay.com/PlanetOut.com](http://Gay.com/PlanetOut.com) network.

According to the Sydney Morning Herald, the vendor's action is an industry practice. The co-chair of the Gay Games, Bev Lange, attributed the move to a crisis in confidence produced by Mardi Gras.

The Sydney Mardi Gras, billed as  
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to search by the police department.

As of press time, according to the [tucsonpride.com](http://tucsonpride.com) Web site, is the entertainment schedule for OUToberFEST (subject to change):

Main Stage - 10:00 a.m., Opening Ceremonies; 10:05 a.m., Reveille Gay Men's Chorus; 10:35 a.m., Desert Voices; 11:10 a.m., BloopaDoopa; 11:45 a.m., The Aaron Nelson Project; 12:35 p.m., Jody Light & Shining Star International Productions; 1:25 p.m., Kristi Martel; 2:20 p.m., LeeAnne Sage & The Audacity; 3:20 p.m., Yvonne Pera; 4:15 p.m., Jane Crowe and Blues Inc.; 5:00 p.m., Royalty Drag Show; 5:30 p.m., Digital Soldiers; 6:15 p.m., Disco Divas Cynthia Manley and Jessica Williams.

Community Stage - 10:30 a.m., Tom Maza & Guitar; 11:00 a.m., Open; noon, Cornerstone Fellowship; 1:00 p.m., Drag Show; 2:00 p.m., IBT's Dance Tent; 7:00 p.m., Drag Show.

For more information, call Tucson Pride Inc., (520) 622-3200.

## State Investigation Looking Into Death of Goodrum

Compiled from Wire Service Stories

TUCSON - State health investigators are probing the apparent suicide of a nationally known Transgender activist at a state-licensed mental-health facility in Tucson.

According to a police report, Alexander John "Bear" Goodrum may have been dead for several hours before his body was discovered.

The death was reported to police at 6:51 a.m. Sept. 27. Goodrum apparently hanged himself from a bathroom door knob with a towel, authorities said.

Tucson Fire Department medics arrived at the facility shortly after 7:00 a.m. and determined Goodrum was dead. They indicated he may have been dead for several hours.

Goodrum, 41, a female-to-male Transgendered Bisexual, had checked himself into St Joseph's Hospital last month to be treated for depression. He was transferred about a week and a half later to the state-licensed La Frontera Center Inc.

inpatient facility on East Apache Park Place, near East Ajo Way and South Kino Parkway.

La Frontera's director of inpatient services, Ellen McVay, would not comment on Goodrum's death.

Walter P. Goodrum Jr. of Las Vegas said his brother had tried to kill himself in the past, but he would not elaborate. He said Alexander Goodrum's depression was not related to his gender.

His brother, Walter Goodrum said, "was supposed to be in the safest place he could have been, and this still happened. That's the devastating part."

When paramedics arrived at the facility, two clinic staff members were performing CPR on Alexander Goodrum, who apparently was dead and had slash marks on his wrist, when he had tried to cut his wrists in the two hours between when staff members said they checked on him, according to a Tucson Police Department report.

The paramedics told Tucson police Officer Mike Wilder that Goodrum appeared to have been dead for several hours.

However, a clinic staff member told police he found Goodrum in bed sleeping at 5:00 a.m.

Pima County Medical Examiner Dr. Bruce O. Parks said his office could not determine how long Goodrum was dead because a pathologist was not called to the clinic to examine the body.

Wilder's report indicated the patient's medical chart said Goodrum was to be monitored for manic behavior. The report also said Wilder was told Goodrum had made comments about suicide. Because the report obtained was censored by police, it is unclear to whom the comments about suicide were made.

Goodrum, whose nondenominational memorial was Saturday, October 5, at Stone Avenue Temple, 564 S. Stone Ave., was a founder of TGNet Arizona, a Transgender resource and advocacy group, and was its director. He published many papers on Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender issues and was a member of the city's GLBT Commission, among numerous other groups.

Goodrum's friend Kent Burbank, executive director of Wingspan said, "I guess most people are wondering how this happened."

Burbank said Goodrum struggled all his life with depression.

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Below is a reduced copy from the front cover of The Nation magazine of October 14, 2002. The content speaks for itself.

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# The Nation.

## OPEN LETTER TO CONGRESS

Soon, you will be asked to vote on a resolution authorizing the United States to overthrow the government of Iraq by military force. Its passage, we read on all sides, is a foregone conclusion, as if what the country now faces is not a decision but the disclosure of a fate. The nation marches as if in a trance to war.

You are a deliberative body, but you do not deliberate. You are representatives, but you do not represent. The silence of those of you in the Democratic Party is especially troubling. You are the opposition party, but you do not oppose. For the sake of staying in power, you are told, you must not exercise the power you have in the matter of the war.

Members of Congress! Be faithful to your oaths of office and to the traditions of your branch of government. Think of the country, not of your re-election. Defend the Constitution. Affirm the Republic. Preserve the peace. Vote against war in Iraq.

# UPDATE

## Learn More About Wingspan Oct. 19 and Volunteer

TUCSON - Are you interested in learning more about the history of Southern Arizona's Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Community Center? Were you inspired by Kevin Jennings's speech at the Wingspan Benefit Dinner, and want to help people in your own LGBT community? Here's your chance!

Wingspan will hold a free Volunteer Orientation on Saturday, October 19, from 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. This orientation is open to anyone interested in learning more about Wingspan, and the opportunities to volunteer at your community center.

Wingspan is especially seeking qualified people to join our team of volunteers who help staff the front desk, library, and administrative office. Volunteering at the front desk is a particularly great opportunity to meet lots of interesting people and stay connected with what is happening in Tucson's vibrant LGBT community. Other opportunities to volunteer include the Domestic Violence Project, special events, and to help maintain Wingspan's extensive lending library.

Training sessions specific to the Front Desk position will also be held on October 22 and 29, from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. each night. These trainings will help Front Desk volunteers develop active listening and basic crisis intervention skills, and enable volunteers to provide community resource information to people who call or come into the center. These two sessions are cumulative, and participants are expected to attend both sessions. Additional "on-the-job" training can begin any time. Potential Front Desk volunteers must complete an application and interview before the Orientation on the 19th.

For more information and an application, please contact Wingspan's Volunteer Programs Coordinator, Mark English, at (520) 624-1779 or mark@wingspanaz.org. Wingspan volunteer opportunities and services are open to people of any sexual orientation and gender identity. Internship opportunities are also available.

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## Dish and Dessert Friday, Oct. 15

TUCSON - Michael Lumpkin, director of the San Francisco International Lesbian & Gay Film Festival (SFI LGFF), comes to Tucson to share the free dish on the world's largest LGBT cultural event, Friday, October 25, 7:00 p.m., at the Main Library, 101 N. Stone Ave.

Lumpkin will talk about the glamorous history of the festival, which has launched or played a critical role in the American careers of filmmakers from Gus Van Sant to John Waters to Christine Vachon. Lumpkin also co-produced *The Celluloid Closet*, the documentary adaptation of film critic Vito Russo's groundbreaking book on Gays and Lesbians in Hollywood cinema.

Lumpkin will be interviewed by novelist, essayist, and University of Arizona creative writing professor Fenton Johnson, who served on the SFI LGFF board of directors in its formative years.

Following Lumpkin's dish, Wingspan serves up a free screening of *The Celluloid Closet* for dessert.

This event is co-sponsored by the City of Tucson Film Office, University of Arizona Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Studies Program, Lesbian Looks, and the Tucson-Pima Public Library.

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

## Bicycle Donation Announced

TUCSON (ON) - A drive for bicycles, in fixable condition, has been announced by the owners of the Venture-N and the Yard Dog Saloon.

Jim Dondson and Ray Gregg are seeking any size and style bicycles to fix up and given to underprivileged children, December 15, in the Balboa Neighborhood area, where the Yard Dog is located.

People wanting to donate a bicycle should bring them to the Venture-N for refurbishing. More information about this effort in next week's Observer.

## GLBT Commission Meeting Oct. 15

TUCSON - The City of Tucson Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender (GLBT) Commission will hold their monthly meeting, Tuesday, October 15, 5:30 p.m., at the EOO Conference Room, 100 North Stone.

Discussion of the fall survey, a domestic partner's registry for the City of Tucson, and a policy pertaining to the activities of off duty city employees, especially those in the police and fire departments are some the items expected to be discussed at the meeting.

For more information, call (520) 791-4121.



## Rainbow Festival Draws Large Crowd

PHOENIX - The first Rainbows Festival took place in downtown Phoenix on Sunday, October 6, with several thousand people gathering to celebrate Gay life in the Valley.

Event organizer Don Hamill said 20,000 to 25,000 people attended during the day.

"It's gone amazingly smoothly," he said. "People have just relaxed and enjoyed themselves."

Billed as a Phoenix Gay & Lesbian Street Fair, the event at Heritage Square featured information, merchandise, food and music, the Arizona Republic reported.

Shelly Moss of Phoenix said the festival was "a lot better" than others she has attended, "because there is more to see and do."

The Heritage Square setting, between Rosson House and the Arizona Science Center, "makes it feel more like a festival," she added.

Moss was volunteering for Phoenix Family and Friends of Lesbians and Gays, or PFLAG, an organization that supports and educates the community about Gay issues.

She said most of the visitors to the PFLAG booth were "Gay people who want to know how to talk to their families."

The site works because much of the Gay community lives in the central part of the city, said Keith Thompson of the Phoenix Shanti Group, which provides HIV services and programs.

"It may be a stereotype, but it seems the Gay-Lesbian-Bisexual-Transgendered community has a good urban presence about it," he said.

The festival, he said, "feels great, there's a great turnout, and we're glad we're here."

## TIHAN Training Announced

TUCSON - Patriotism is burning across the nation like the uncontrolled wildfires our state has recently encountered. Unlike the wildfires however, this surge of patriotism is helping strengthen our communities, not destroying them.

With the increased patriotism, Americans are seeking ways to support each other. The Tucson Interfaith HIV/AIDS Network (TIHAN) is an outlet for those seeking to plug into a volunteer opportunity. Ours is an organization whose life pulse is our volunteers. We are conducting a volunteer training session on Saturday, October 19, 8:30 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. at Casas Adobes Congregational Church, 6801 N. Oracle.

This is open to everyone who desires to make a difference. It is requested that you attend one of our orientation sessions prior to training, these will be held at Casas Adobes also. The dates and times for the orientations are October, 16, & 17 from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. and on October 15 from 2-3:30 p.m. The cost is \$15.00 which covers materials and lunch from Baggins Gourmet Sandwiches. Interested parties are asked to RSVP by calling (520) 299-6647 or e-mailing: todd@tihan.org.

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# Lesbian Conference Loses Help from HHS

WASHINGTON, DC - As they had last year, federal health officials initially agreed to underwrite this year's "Healing Works" conference on Lesbian health issues, promising \$75,000 for the two-day session this fall.

But early this summer, federal officials notified conference organizers that the promise to underwrite the conference had been rescinded.

Officials at the Department of Health and Human Services blamed the decision on technical problems in the grant application. But conference organizers and other activists say they are skeptical, and believe the decision was part of a series of moves by the Bush administration that have been hostile to issues important to Gays and Lesbians, the Washington Post reported.

"Lesbians have been left out of research; they don't have equal access to care," said Kathleen DeBold, executive director of the Mautner Project, the nation's leading Lesbian health advocacy group. "This could have killed the conference."

DeBold said two high-ranking staffers told her a "conference on Lesbian health did not fit with Secretary [Tommy G.] Thompson's vision."

DeBold scrambled for private donations, increased the registration fee from \$75 to \$300 and managed to hold the

conference last weekend in the District.

But the incident has fueled growing concerns by activists.

"The big problem with the Bush administration is not that they are blatantly attacking Lesbian and Gay populations," said Patricia Dunn, policy director of the Gay and Lesbian Medical Association. "It's just that they've been completely silent."

Winnie Stachelberg, political director for the Human Rights Campaign, said there have been other instances in the past year when the administration has rescinded a promise of financial support, transferred people serving as Gay liaisons to federal agencies and distanced itself from supporters of comprehensive sex education such as Secretary of State Colin L. Powell.

"Any one or two or three of these things would be merely policy changes or the natural course of a new administration, but taken together they are of real concern to us," Stachelberg said. "While we hope that anti-Gay bias is not going on at the department, it's hard to look at the totality of these things and not wonder what is going on."

HHS spokesman Bill Pierce said he could not respond to specific charges but overall, "if you look at the record of the administration's commitment in these areas, you'll find it is stronger than any

other administration."

In a 10-year report titled "Healthy People 2010," HHS identified sexual orientation as one of six factors that cause health disparities. The document was written by Surgeon General David Satcher, who was appointed by President Bill Clinton and served for the first year of the Bush administration.

But current HHS initiatives on closing inequities in the health care system never mention sexual orientation, Dunn said.

And despite a promise to distribute the "Healthy People" recommendations on sexual orientation at a cost of about \$20,000, Stachelberg said HHS reversed its position.

The idea for a conference on Lesbian health issues came out of a 1999 Institute of Medicine report that found "significant barriers to conducting research on Lesbian health."

The panel of experts recommended eight steps for improving the situation, including increased research funding, better data collection, education campaigns and regular conferences.

In response, HHS hosted the first scientific workshop on the issue in 2000, and last year the department spent about

\$50,000 on the first National Lesbian Health Conference in San Francisco.

Early data suggests Lesbians often face difficulties getting adequate care because of anti-Gay bias, poorly informed physicians and cultural differences, said Judy Bradford, an Institute of Medicine panelist and senior researcher at Virginia Commonwealth University.

Lesbians also have higher rates of tobacco use, heavy drinking and certain cancers in which early detection is critical, such as breast and ovarian cancers, she said.

"That's why there is a need to do more research and have these conferences," said Gloria E. Sarto, co-director of the Center for Women's Health and Women's Health Research at the University of Wisconsin.

Sarto said she sent numerous e-mails to contacts in the department asking why it had withdrawn support for the conference and even mentioned it in passing to Thompson's wife, who works in women's health.

"I didn't get a response," she said. "But it sends a message, whether it's meant to be or not, the perception is this is not on their agenda."

## Goodrum Investigation

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Michael Woodward, a TGNct advisory board member, said when Goodrum checked himself into the clinic, "We all thought he would be safe there."

Health department records show no substantiated problems at the 11-year-old facility, near East Ajo Way and South Kino Parkway, for at least five years, the only records available Monday.

Still, Goodrum's friends and family questioned how he could have committed suicide at a place he checked into for help.

Goodrum told officials he was bipolar and suicidal, and they noted workers should watch for "manic behavior," police said.

"I think it's critically important that the incident be fully investigated and we do everything we can to prevent anything similar from happening in the future," said Kevin Maxey, president of the Southern Arizona Gender Alliance and a friend of Goodrum's. "I think we all felt that he was having a very hard time, but we thought he was in a place where he'd get help."

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## SAAF Sees Increase In People Living With HIV/AIDS Needing Services

TUCSON - The Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation (SAAF) has seen a 23% increase in the number of clients accessing its services over the past year.

"This is a substantial increase for just one year, really unprecedented for us," stated Anne Maley, Executive Director of SAAF. "This could be the result of more people getting tested for HIV or that more people are becoming aware of the services we offer. We hope that it does not indicate an increase in the rate of new HIV infections."

SAAF has added staff to meet the increasing demands and has had to implement new eligibility requirements for certain services. "We are committed to providing comprehensive services to people living with HIV/AIDS. What we are looking at now is ensuring that the client's need for the service is warranted by their medical, financial, or emotional situation," noted Maley.

One example of a service limitation is the provision of nutritional supplements for people who become ill and are in danger of losing weight. Clients will now be limited in how much they can receive and for how long. "It's not just the increased number of people who we are seeing but also their increased needs that are

putting a strain on services," stated Maley. "More and more often, the people who come to us for help have practically no other resources-no insurance, possibly no housing, and often no family support."

SAAF has also stepped up its prevention work in the community to keep the rate of HIV infection from rising. This has become increasingly difficult as people become complacent about AIDS because they don't think it will affect them or they believe, wrongly, that medications can take care of AIDS. "The medication regimens available today are truly life-saving for many people, but they are not a cure. What's more, the side effects are horrendous, and the cost per person is very high, between \$11,000 and \$24,000 per year," added Maley.

The community will have an opportunity to help fight the AIDS epidemic at the upcoming AIDS WALK 2002 on October 20 at Rillito River Park. Walkers solicit contributions from individual sponsors while also sharing information about HIV/AIDS with their family, friends, and colleagues. Registration materials are available through the AIDS WALK website at [www.aidswalktucson.com](http://www.aidswalktucson.com) or by calling the AIDS WALK Hotline at (520) 791-WALK (9255).

## SpongeBob Squarepants Is A Hit With Gay Men

NEW YORK, NY - SpongeBob SquarePants, the absorbent yellow star of the most highly rated kids show on TV, has become this year's hot Gay icon, according to a report in The Wall Street Journal.

The journey from Nickelodeon children's favorite to Gay fav may be a surprise to the show's creator, but not entirely surprising to anyone in the know. But the facts would seem to speak for themselves:

SpongeBob lives in a pineapple under the sea, in a town called Bikini Bottom. His best friend is an exuberant pink starfish named Patrick. SpongeBob and Patrick don't live together, but it's not uncommon to see them holding hands. The two hope someday to grow up to be superheroes, and their favorite show is an imaginary TV program called "The Adventures of Mermaid Man and Barnacle Boy."

You do the math, folks.

Above and beyond Nielson ratings that regularly send the show through the roof, the show is creating a merchandising

bonanza, with SpongeBob paper towels, macaroni-and-cheese dinners and more, reported [gfn.com](http://gfn.com).

At Roger & Dave, a novelty shop frequented by a Gay clientele in Manhattan's Chelsea neighborhood, SpongeBob plush toys, lunch boxes and key chains are the most popular properties in the store.

One SpongeBob toy that says "Go SpongeBob, go SpongeBob, go self!" when you squeeze its hand, sells out almost immediately every time it's ordered.

"I've had to reorder this more times than I can count," Roger Roth, one of the store's owners told the Journal.

Nickelodeon claims SpongeBob is aimed at kids two to 11 years old, and isn't intended to appeal to Gay men. However, the show attracts more adults than any other show on its lineup. It has shown episodes as late as 11:30 at night, and Viacom's MTV has run it as late as 11:00 p.m., specifically to reach older viewers.

According to Nielsen Media Research, about 22 percent of "SpongeBob's" regular audience is 18-49 years old.

The show's creator, Stephen Hillenburg, who is not Gay, says there was never any intent to portray SpongeBob or his pals as Gay. But Mr. Hillenburg told the Journal he understands the show's universal appeal.

"I do think that the attitude of the show is about tolerance," says Mr. Hillenburg. "Everybody is different, and the show embraces that. The character SpongeBob is an oddball. He's kind of weird, but he's kind of special."

Although SpongeBob and his pals are all very different from one another, "they get along," says Mr. Hillenburg. "No one is shut out."

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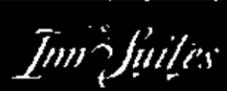





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# COMMENTARY

## Straight Allies of Gays Must Come Out, Too

By Cathy Busha

October 11 marks National Coming Out Day. On that day in 1987, a half-million people marched on Washington, D.C., for Gay and Lesbian equality. National Coming Out Day was founded a year later.

It is a day when Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender people are urged to "come out" - to openly let everyone know their sexual orientation and/or gender identity. This Saturday, a daylong celebration at Reid Park known as OUToberFEST will commemorate the day in Tucson.

The premise behind this annual event is that as the public becomes more aware of how many Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender people exist, of the vital roles they play in society and of their worth as human beings, it becomes more difficult for anti-LGBT forces to demonize LGBT people.

Opinion polls show that people who personally know someone who is LGBT are less likely to be homophobic.

When LGBT people come out, they challenge the myths that exist - that LGBT people are perverts, child molesters, diseased or desiring "special rights." These malicious myths are shattered by the simple reality of LGBT lives.

It is easy to hate "queers" when you don't know any; it becomes more difficult to hate LGBT people when they are already your favorite friends, coworkers, classmates, neighbors, children, aunts, siblings, police officers, teachers, athletes, dog park buddies and so on.

LGBT people are often accused of flaunting their sexuality when they come out.

But in a world that still assumes that all people are heterosexual, coming out is the only way LGBT people can make

their sexual orientations and/or gender identities known.

Most LGBT people are not "out" to make a statement. They simply want to be able to live freely the way others do - by talking openly about their partners, by wearing a commitment ring or by working without fear of being fired.

There is another group of people, however, who should also come out today - straight allies.

A straight ally is someone who is not LGBT, but personally advocates for equal rights and fair treatment of LGBT people. Straight allies are some of the most effective and powerful advocates for the LGBT movement.

Just as men eventually came forward for women's right to vote, and white allies joined the black civil rights movement, the LGBT movement needs strong heterosexual allies.

Straight allies can speak up when LGBT people who are afraid of losing their children or job cannot.

Indeed, straight allies' voices have often been heard while those of LGBT people have been silenced or ignored.

Very simply, straight allies need to come out because it is the right thing to do.

The tide is turning on LGBT issues. While it used to be socially acceptable to make openly anti-Gay remarks and jokes or to mock a Lesbian behind her back, those days are swiftly coming to an end.

Society is beginning to see homophobic people for what they really are: uninformed, fearful, and mean-spirited.

What kinds of support can straight allies offer?

Consider letting other people know where you stand on LGBT issues; display a "straight, but not narrow" bumper sticker on your truck; interrupt homophobic jokes when you hear them; vote for candidates who support LGBT issues; or come to Reid Park Saturday to learn more about the LGBT community.

Come out. Speak out. As a straight ally, voicing your support for LGBT people is powerful.

Whether you are challenging a stereotype, correcting a misrepresentation or merely voicing your support for an LGBT friend, relative or colleague, you can make a positive difference.

[Busha is the executive director of Wingspan Domestic Violence Project.]

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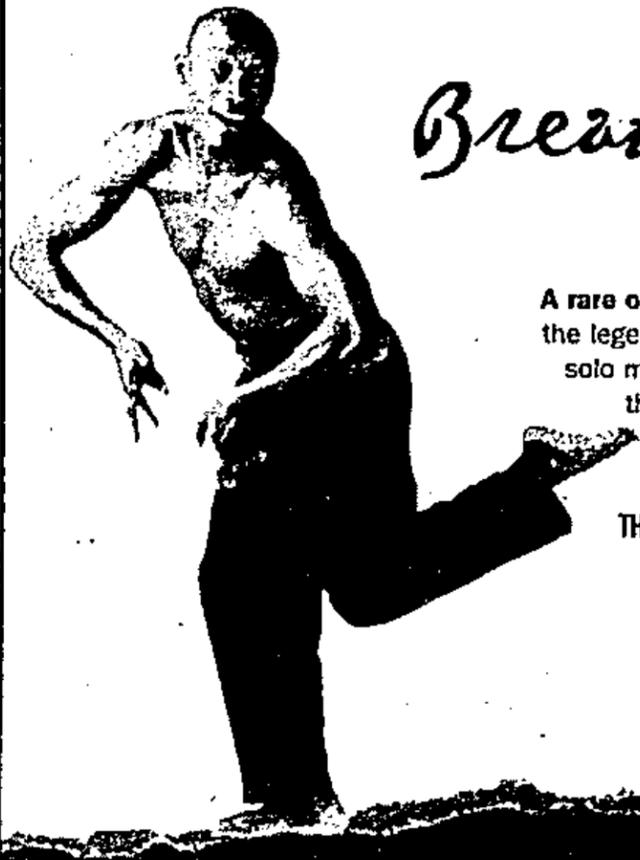
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## POLITICS 2002

by Mark F. Kerr

### 'LET'S TALK ABOUT DICK!'

In the race for Arizona Governor, four candidates qualified for the November general election ballot. One of those is Richard Mahoney, running as an independent, as he puts it, Arizona's version of Jesse Ventura.

Mahoney has stated that his candidacy offers an alternative to the two major party candidates, a fiscal conservative but liberal on social issues, something he really isn't, since he is employing tried and true election tactics, Gay and Lesbian bashing.

Arizona's television airwaves were recently polluted by a Mahoney political ad attacking the Democratic gubernatorial candidate, current Arizona Attorney General, Janet Napolitano, accusing her of having a Gay agenda, and linking homosexuality to pedophilia regarding a case her office dealt with in 1996, for which her GOP predecessor as U.S. Attorney stated that she had acted correctly in the manner. Mahoney recently, has also played up the fact that he is against same-sex marriage, Gay adoptions, and that Napolitano is supportive of the concept of Vermont-style civil unions and adoptions by Gays and Lesbians.

This is interesting for the following, flashing back to 1990, to the Democratic primary for Arizona Secretary of State, a contest between the then incumbent, Jim Shumway, and a new person on the scene, Richard Mahoney.

Shumway had been appointed to the post by then Democratic Governor Rose Mofford, when she became the state's chief executive, succeeding the impeached Evan Mecham. Jim Shumway was a very capable and likeable man, running for a full term but he had one draw back, he was anti choice, something Mahoney played up to the hilt during the campaign but that's not the point of this. It was what Mahoney said, to a crowd of Gay and Lesbian Democrats at a Lambda Democratic Caucus event at a home in Winterhaven in Tucson during the Summer of 1990.

With more than 100 people, this reporter included, in attendance, for the "Meet the Candidates Event," Mahoney talked at length about his family's connection to the Kennedy's, as in John, Robert and Ted; his passion for social justice and equality and that he strongly supported equal rights for Gays and Lesbians.

### TUCSON PUBLIC LIBRARY BOOK REVIEW

[She Loves Me, She Loves Me Not, by Lesléa Newman, Alyson Publications: 2002.]

This is a very enjoyable collection of eleven romantic short stories with Lesbians as the protagonists. A variety of perspectives, subjects, and moods are explored by Lesléa Newman, who has authored and edited more than twenty books, four of which have been Lambda Literary Award finalists.

Each story stands alone; some are told in the first person, others in the third. Two of the stories brought tears to my eyes, others made me chuckle, and they all left me feeling that I'd gained insight into the characters. "Keeping a Breast" ex-

plores a fear common to all women whose doctor discovers a suspicious lump and mentions the dreaded C word. "Basher" tells the story of a woman's self-discovery on a kibbutz in 1977, and how it culminated in a showing of her paintings many years later. In "Mothers of Invention," the final story of the collection, a butch partner recounts her struggle to accept her femme's desire to have a child.

Mahoney won the primary and the election, serving until 1994. So what did he do in that election year, as the highest ranking Democratic officeholder in the state, run against the embattled, a later proven, corrupt Republican governor Fife Symington? No, Mahoney challenged Dennis DeConcini, the Democratic incumbent U.S. Senator for which that contest didn't take place when DeConcini decided to retire. Two other candidate's got into the race, Arizona Congressman Sam Coppersmith and state Senator Cindy Resnick.

In a nasty, bruising primary, Coppersmith won, barely, with Mahoney crying foul, drawing out the recount, destroying what chances the Democrats had against Jon Kyl, the Republican nominee. There was also something else of note during this campaign, showing that the seeds of "political payback" had been planted. In this race, Janet Napolitano publicly supported Sam Coppersmith for the Democratic nod.

Four years later, 1998, in the race for Arizona Attorney General, there were two candidates, Democrat Janet Napolitano and Tom McGovern, the homophobic Republican nominee. So who did Mahoney publicly and lavishly support? None other than Tom McGovern. Janet won the contest by a decisive margin in the November general election, the only Democrat to win a statewide contest, something that probably didn't sit well with Mahoney.

So this year, Mahoney launches a supposed independent gubernatorial bid, scoring in the low single digits in the polls, focusing the brunt of his attack on one of the two major party candidates, Napolitano, barely mentioning the homophobic Republican nominee, former Congressman Matt Salmon while playing the homophobia card during the campaign, something that would shame the Kennedy family, especially Ted, the current Democratic U.S. Senator from Massachusetts and strong friend and supporter of Gay and Lesbian rights.

Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender Arizonans should remember this about Mahoney when voting for the post of Governor in the upcoming general election by honoring the Kennedy family, especially Ted, who has supported us by voting for those candidates who believe in social justice and who have ideals and stick by them, through thick and thin.

I rarely read short stories, but I reacted to these the way I do to salted nuts - I just couldn't stop.

[Reviewed by Laura Thomas Sullivan, Tucson-Pima Public Library. Call the Library's InfoLine at (520) 791-4010 to reserve a copy, or reserve it yourself with our online catalog at [www.ttpl.org](http://www.ttpl.org). If you'd like to read past reviews, visit the GLBT Services Committee webpage at <http://www.ttpl.org/gibt>.]

# HOROSCOPES

BY C. LICHTENSTEIN

Although storybooks will feed you the old yarn about kissing frogs to discover royalty, Venus' current retrograde may demonstrate that more often than not the opposite can happen; that is, behind every kissable face could lurk the Creature from the Black Lagoon. Before you get carried away to some soggy swamp, remember to keep your eyes open while puckering up.

**ARIES**

**MARCH 21 - APRIL 20**

Rainbow Rams are apt to fall for just another pretty face during the Venus retrograde. Choose your companions carefully dear, queer lover; nighttime lust looks old and shabby in the harsh light of day. There is no sadder sight than a tired, squinting old Ram wearing yesterday's wrinkled ensemble, waiting at the bus stop because cab fare was not forthcoming.

**TAURUS**

**APRIL 21 - MAY 21**

You could have sworn that your partner would just adore that fabulous thrift store find that you erected in the living room. Queer Bulls may come to expect that even their grander efforts may go unappreciated during the Venus retrograde. Don't let it get you down; think of the advantages of not having to make many grand efforts in the next month. Just be your grand self.

**GEMINI**

**MAY 22 - JUNE 21**

Why do you think they call it "work"? If it were fun, they would call it "fun". Retro Venus may take the enjoyment out of the day to day job. (Assuming, of course, that there was any enjoyment to begin with...) Since pink Twins have the capacity to be self sacrificing souls, you have the capacity to put this all into perspective. The secret is not to rely on others to get work done.

**CANCER**

**JUNE 22 - JULY 23**

Venus is currently retrograde and queer Crabs find themselves particularly vulnerable to excess and dissipation now. Who would have thought that you would have so much energy to get into all sorts of mischief? Be a bit discerning in your choice of parties to attend; you don't want to be photographed carousing with Reverend Wildmon ... or would you?

**LEO**

**JULY 24 - AUGUST 23**

Your home environment is not exactly where you want it to be with Venus retrograde. Intentions are good, but efforts are slightly off the mark. Proud Lions should delay redecorating plans until November 21 when inspiration returns. Otherwise you may decide that the iron coffin looks fabulous in the bedroom. Come to think of it, it may improve your "technique".

**VIRGO**

**AUGUST 24 - SEPTEMBER 23**

Even in the best of planetary times, queer Virgins tend to tell it, plain and simple, as they see it. Warning: with retro Venus, even the most sincerest compliment can sound like a fart. However, you more than other signs can find a way to rebound from the worst of the fallout. Just refrain from giving any important speeches on behalf of our community until late November.

**LIBRA**

**SEPTEMBER 24 - OCTOBER 23**

All that glitters is not gold, at least not when Venus is retrograde. Calculating queer Libras will soon realize that even their most treasured possessions are not worth a whit when the sum total is tallied. Can you put a price tag on happiness? Definitely not darling... unless of course the idea of a champagne bath with a bevy of g-stringed gigolos warms your cockles.

**SCORPIO**

**OCTOBER 24 - NOVEMBER 22**

Venus retrogrades through your own sign until November 21 which means that you will probably be even less stylish and charismatic than usual. Let the fashion chips fall where they may Gay Scorp; I know that you really don't care about facades. (Or do you...?) Try to give the appearance of being interested in others during this time. One or two new acquaintances surprise you.

**SAGITTARIUS**

**NOVEMBER 23 - DECEMBER 22**

Dreamy, creamy Gay Archers may be wafting through pink clouds when Venus retrogrades. Life is sooo mellow you may not even realize that others may be trying to take advantage of you. Poor dear, eventually this unsettling phase will pass but try not to give away the store in the meantime. Do give away the smelly contents of your closet though... and those red hightop sneakers.

**CAPRICORN**

**DECEMBER 23 - JANUARY 20**

Machiavelli advised princes to keep friends close and enemies even closer. Alas, who can tell friend from foe when Venus retrogrades? Pink Caps must keep a discerning eye out for any Judas at the table and even then the question remains; will you be cajoled by false flattery? Probably, but I happen to know that anyone who tries to undermine you will live to regret it.

**AQUARIUS**

**JANUARY 21 - FEBRUARY 19**

Expect some military maneuvers in your career over the next few weeks thanks to Venus. Aquarians are advised to keep a watchful eye on all the goings on and plan their course of action carefully. Any bombs that you deploy will hit the target and some quantifiable advancements are achievable now. And forget that "Don't ask, don't tell" nonsense. Broadcast it if necessary.

**PISCES**

**FEBRUARY 20 - MARCH 20**

The world may be your oyster but you're just not hungry. Guppies may experience a sense of emptiness when Venus is retrograde. It is difficult to believe that life offers you so little excitement right now but the spark is just not there. Oh well; *joie de vivre* will have to wait. In the meantime, you might as well suffer boredom in a balmy climate. Sulk and snooze in Maui.

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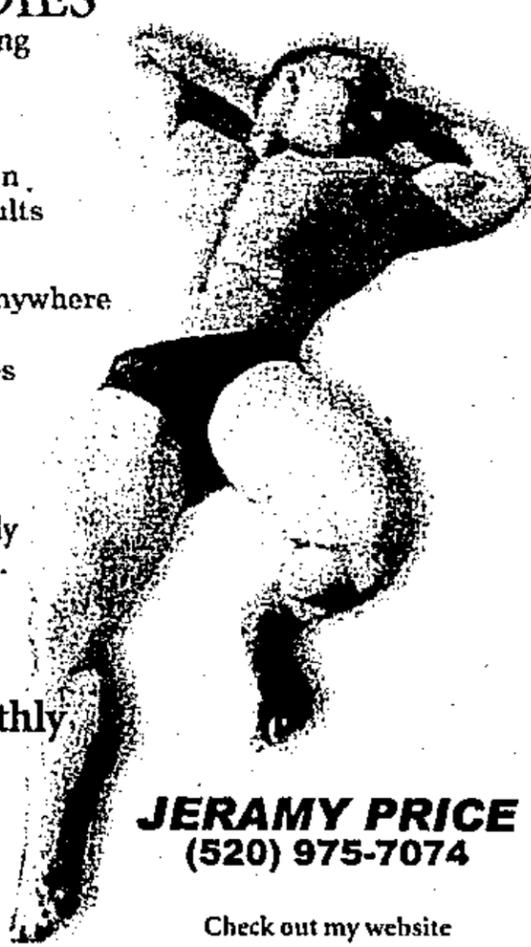
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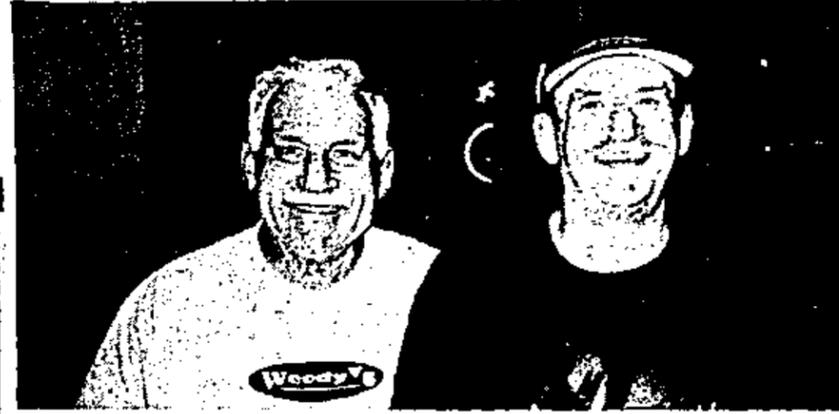


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# Arizona Gay/Lesbian Adoption In Spotlight

TUCSON - Jeffrey Loevengugh says he is filling his home with what he believes all children need - love, stability and plenty of pets.

His home is different than most, though. It has two dads.

"It's all about stability and it's all about the love between partners," Loevengugh said. "Yeah, I suppose in a perfect world everyone would have a father and a mother, but that's not how it is."

Loevengugh, a 47-year-old landscaper and designer, and his partner of four years, phlebotomist Stephen Gordon, 34, are helping to raise Loevengugh's three children from a previous marriage.

The two men are among a growing number of Gays and Lesbians who have gone public about their unorthodox families, the Tucson Citizen reported.

It is estimated that as many as 9 million children in the United States have at least one Gay parent.

Arizona has no law against Gay adoption.

Loevengugh and Gordon are encouraged by the frankness of movie actress and talk show host Rosie O'Donnell, who recently confirmed rumors that she is a Lesbian.

O'Donnell, who almost daily regales viewers with stories of life with her three adopted children, is taking up the cause of two Gay men in Florida who were denied adopting a child because that state prohibits homosexuals from being adoptive parents.

Steven Lofton and his Roger Croteau are raising five children, including three foster children. Florida officials want to remove one of their foster children from the couple's home, although the

10-year-old boy has known no other family.

ABC-TV aired a lengthy interview with O'Donnell on the subject last month, with O'Donnell saying she is lending her celebrity to raise public awareness of Gay adoptions.

"I don't think America knows what a Gay parent looks like," O'Donnell told Diane Sawyer in the "Primetime" interview. "I am the Gay parent."

Not all favor Gay adoptions. But some say the lifestyle O'Donnell, Loevengugh and millions of others lead is sinful and psychologically damaging to children.

"All social studies show that children are much better off with a mother and a father," said Len Munsil, president and general counsel for the Center for Arizona Policy, a conservative Scottsdale organization opposed to homosexuality, abortion, gambling and pornography.

"The homosexual community is not concerned about what's best for children," he said. "They are just concerned about advancing their agenda," which Munsil believes includes the right to marry.

Munsil, the married father of eight, discounts studies that find children of homosexual couples turn out to be as emotionally healthy as children from traditional families, calling such studies "flawed." He cites at least one study, conducted by the American Sociological Review, that found children with Gay parents more susceptible to substance abuse, teen pregnancy, suicide, promiscuity and experimenting with homosexuality.

Despite strong opposition by conservative religious and government leaders, public acceptance of Gay and Lesbian parenting seems to be growing.

"It's all about stability and it's all about the love between partners. Yeah, I suppose in a perfect world everyone would have a father and a mother, but that's not how it is."

The American Academy of Pediatrics earlier this year endorsed homosexual adoption, saying Gay couples are capable of providing the loving, stable family life that children need.

A report by the academy found no data to support the belief that children raised by Gay parents wind up somehow damaged.

Loevengugh and Gordon believe their love for the three children they are helping to raise keeps the family strong.

The two are parenting Loevengugh's three children - Philip, 12, Analisa, 11, and Lucas, 7 - every weekend and during holidays and summer vacations.

Loevengugh and his wife went through a bitter divorce after he revealed his homosexuality at the age of 43.

He believes O'Donnell's willingness to speak out in favor of Gay adoptions will help the cause.

"The fact that she's highly respected, people can accept her for who she is," he said.

O'Donnell has since gone on several talk shows and has been interviewed extensively about the Florida case and her own personal story.

Loevengugh knows until Gay parenting is widely accepted, his family will face challenges.

"But the children are comfortable with us," he said. "They love Stephen and they feel real secure."

The two are considering fostering or adopting other children, as well.

"We (Gay parents) are here," Loevengugh said. "It's very much an issue of civil rights."

Gordon said homosexuals are not recognized publicly as parents. He believes O'Donnell can help society understand that Gays and Lesbians are loving parents.

"This is a part of us that hasn't been seen," he said.

Michelle Pitot always knew she wanted to be a mom. But for as long as she can remember, she knew she was Lesbian.

"I always knew there would be aspects of it that would be difficult," she said.

Twenty months ago, Pitot, a 41-year-old Tucson social worker, gave birth to her son Ben.

She and her partner of 10 years are raising Ben in a home they say is filled with love and respect.

Pitot turned to a longtime friend to provide the donor sperm so she could conceive her child. She said she was encouraged by O'Donnell's coming out publicly, but was disappointed at some of what she said.

The show included a lengthy discussion on whether Gay parents make Gay children.

"So what?" Pitot asked. "Granted it's an easier world sometimes for straight kids, but not necessarily."

"And if the kid turns out to be Gay, isn't it wonderful if they come from a loving, secure home? Gay or straight, I hope my child grows up to be happy."

But she said O'Donnell can help society understand that homosexual families have a great deal to offer.

"I hope more people realize our lives are not abnormal," Pitot said. "My life is way normal. I drive a minivan."

Pitot's partner, Lori, asked that her last name not be used. She works in finance, and feared information on her personal life could hurt her business.

She thought O'Donnell has made great strides for other Gay families.

"I want to have a T-shirt made for Ben that says, 'Rosie Rocks,'" she said.

The two women know Ben will face challenges as the child of two Lesbians.

"It's hard enough to be a kid, let alone being one who comes from an alternative family," Lori said.

Pitot said because she and her partner spent so many years planning on having a child, Ben will always know he is loved.

Amelia and Amy Cramer knew from their first date they wanted to become parents.

They held a marriage ceremony and each changed their last name to Cramer.

"I knew from the time I was 18 I was a Lesbian and I knew I wanted to have children, and I didn't think there was any way to do it," said Amelia Cramer, 41, a Tucson attorney.

The two women tried artificial insemination. After more than two years, Amy Cramer, a teacher, was unable to conceive.

They decided to adopt a Russian baby, but then heard from a friend who was pregnant and was going to put her child up for adoption. The Cramers adopted Meg, who is now 2 1/2 years old.

Amelia Cramer hopes O'Donnell's coming out will remove some of the fear society has of homosexuality.

Mike Pollack, 22, hopes O'Donnell's frankness will make his dream of becoming a father easier for the world to accept.

Pollack, a health educator who is Gay, hopes to become a foster dad next year and adopt within a couple of years.

Need also in foster care. "I see a huge need in the foster system, and as a responsible adult who can parent, I want to provide a home for kids in the foster system," Pollack said.

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On behalf of all of us at TIHAN, I want to convey our thanks to everyone involved in the fabulous Turnabout for TIHAN 2002 benefit show. The feedback continues to roll in, and everyone agrees this was one of the best shows ever! And, it raised more than \$11,000 in challenging economic times to support the ongoing programs and services provided by TIHAN!

Several hundred people came out to the InnSuites Hotel for the Sixth Annual Turnabout as staff from Tucson's LGBT bars joined together to put on a benefit show produced by M.A.V.elous Productions. As you saw from pictures in last week's Observer (thanks for the beautiful color photos online!), the evening was filled with outrageous costumes and makeup, great food, glorious stage/set/room design, and fabulous performances.

TIHAN and those we serve owe a huge debt of gratitude to all those who made this benefit such a success:

First, to the producers—Scott Seitzberg, Tim Barth, Marc Brunelle. Wow! I know it was a ton of work, but it really came off amazingly well! Everything worked wonderfully, and it flowed perfectly! I hope that you are hearing as many compliments as I have heard about this year's event! (And only for you would I have come out dressed as General Patton!)

Second, to the fabulous hosts—Gilda Fatale and Janec Star—you were oh-so-beautiful and oh-so-entertaining too. Stunning, witty, and wonderful are a few of the words I heard to describe your efforts that night! And thanks also to Kenneth Blake, who although he is currently per-

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forming in Tahoe and could not be in the show this year, played a huge role in shaping this into such a smashing success.

Third, David Zinke and crew: What a spectacular job you did designing, constructing, and transforming the ballroom into a red-white-and-blue celebration. It was gorgeous, and the perfect setting for making this benefit work. Thanks also to Gayle for the beautiful table decorations.

Fourth, to the participating GLBT bars in Tucson: I am grateful for your willingness to support and have your staff participate in this benefit show. Thank you IBT's, Woody's, and Yard Dog for supporting us and really giving back so generously to the community that supports you. (We missed you this year, Venture-N and Ain't Nobody's Bizness, and hope to have you back next year!)

Fifth, the members of the USO company that entertained OUR troops so well: Marcie Phillips (Marc), Vanna (Tim), Nita Makeover (Rick), Contessa Vanessa Di Gressa (Jeff), Alina Backer (Scott), Miss T. Comfort (Tom), Titania Oberon (Robert), Didi and Trixie (Dave and Frank), Lucinda Holliday, Ajia Simone, Janec Star, Gilda Fatale, and "boys" Dan, Daniel, Mark, and Lars. You all worked this year's theme so perfectly with your authentic costumes, makeup, hair, and musical selections. You were amazing, as proven by the audience's roar of applause and generous tipping!

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Finally, I want to thank all those

who sponsored the performers and those who attended the show and tipped the stars so well, contributing thousands of dollars to the cause.

Although billed as a benefit for TIHAN, it really is the entire community who will benefit from the additional AIDS education, awareness, and services made possible as a result of this event. Our love and thanks to you all.

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**WDVP To Offer Domestic Violence Training**

TUCSON - The Wingspan Domestic Violence Project (WDVP) will hold a free training for new volunteers, social service providers, students, and anyone else interested in learning more about domestic violence and the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender community.

The WDVP is the only organization in Arizona that provides 24-hour services and outreach specifically to Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender (LGBT) victims/survivors of domestic violence. There are only about a dozen similar programs nationwide.

The trainings will be held on October 17, 22, 29, and 30, from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., each night. The trainings are cumulative. Participants are expected to attend all four sessions. You must submit a completed application before the training.

After completing the training, you will be ready to serve as a volunteer advocate for the WDVP. As an advocate, you will carry a cell phone and be on-call just one night a month to provide phone support and information and referral services to people who call the Wingspan Domestic Violence Project 24-hour crisis line. You will never have direct contact with clients. You can still sleep and go out-if the cell phone rings, you just answer it.

If you'd like, you can attend the training and not volunteer for the WDVP. Everyone will receive a certificate of attendance. For more information or to register, please contact Wingspan's Volunteer Programs Coordinator, Mark English, by Monday, October 14 at (520) 624-1779 or mark@wingspanaz.org. Wingspan volunteer opportunities and services are open to people of any sexual orientation and gender identity. Internship opportunities are also available. The number for the Wingspan Domestic Violence Project 24-hour Crisis Line is (520) 624-0348, or toll free (outside of Tucson) at (800) 553-WDVP (9387).

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**'Remember When It Was News?'**

One of my fondest memories growing up, that defined family, was when we ate dinner at the kitchen table. My father was blessed with owning a business that was located directly below the building we lived in. Getting home required only climbing two flights of stairs. He would walk in to the sight of my siblings and me sitting at the kitchen table waiting his arrival. My father was a television repairman, so the home I was raised in had a television in almost every room. The kitchen was no exception (of course) and his arrival at 6 o'clock meant we were going to watch the evening news. News was a way for my father to educate us with the vehicle that made his livelihood. He ensured we were always up on current events, no matter how serious the situation.

Vietnam and Watergate were my history lessons in those early years. No one could explain it better than Howard K. Smith and Harry Reasoner, the anchors of the ABC Evening News. I can still hear in my head the lead in of their names as the globe spinning in the background launched the broadcast every night. I would watch with total concentration, assuring that I would learn something new about the world I lived in with each story and commentary. Smith and Reasoner were as vital to me as the teachers I listened to in my classroom earlier that day. It was a free addition to my education because they cared to bring us the news, in its fullest form. Any person who claims an argument about television not being good for children will hear my debate about my nights with the evening news.

There was a story on my online news e-mail that prompted me to remember those days vividly. Fox News (sounds like an oxymoron, I know) is once again attacking Paula Zahn, who recently jumped ship to join the staff of CNN News. They are reminding her that her morning news show is not getting the ratings she once had when she anchored the morning show at Fox. There have been constant stories in the new Fox broadcasts that have been directly aimed at Zahn and her efforts to give CNN her talents in the morning news department. It appears as though she has become somewhat of a weekly segment for the Fox show, making a mockery of what she says, does and reports at the network that pioneered cable news 20 years ago.

With the advances of cable and internet availability, news broadcasts have grown in numbers more than any other type of programming. Ted Turner saw the future when he launched his 24 hour news channel. At the time most were skeptical, but there are many employees of his network that got their start at the network news level. The only drawback to all this information being given to us at our wanting, is the large gap of space that is left between stories that are actually of importance. You can only show the president talking about Iraq so many times an hour without it becoming redundant, if not boring. What is left after that becomes the very thing that the opposition to television is jumping on the bandwagon with. Ragging on Paula Zahn is just one of the many different avenues that news stations take to keep us from using the remote.

In the day when three networks battled for news and viewers, stories took the forefront and were built around how fast and accurate information could be delivered. Those old enough to remember, can

tell the story of who delivered the news of the assassination of President Kennedy. They will always include their take on watching Walter Cronkite or Brit Hume - nearly in tears - having to deliver the news to the country of our fallen leader. Today's tragedy comes complete with commentary from experts of the subject matter, former generals and military leaders, and people who could tell you about their experience of the same type of situation. It's like there is a green room full of folks waiting to tell their story at a moment's notice, no matter what it might be.

News is always going to be one of the staples that make our country great. It is an example to those world wide of our freedom of speech and expression in its greatest form. I would dread to think that my daughter's memory of news is going to include a network anchor giving birth on live television, or how a hair style resulted in removal of an on-air personality. The news is never going to be a rosy picture of what is going on, that we unfortunately will never control. What we could control is content that will stand the test of time in the same form that Edward R. Murrow meant it to be. Good week to you all, and may your news be palatable.

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**'A Salir del Closet'**

Estamos iniciando octubre, un mes que sirve de conexión entre las festividades patrias mexicanas y el mes de la hispanidad, con las ya próximas festividades navideñas y de fin de año. Octubre es también un mes en el cual celebramos el día del salir del closet y con ello promover el orgullo gay en nuestra comunidad. Pero, ¿por qué estamos invitando a la comunidad latina gay a salir del closet?

Hasta hace poco más de tres décadas, las Asociación Psiquiátrica Americana consideraba la homosexualidad como una desviación sexual. Esta situación facilitaba poner la etiqueta de "enfermos" a las personas que tenían este "problema", es decir una desviación sexual. Muchas personas que "se les hacía agua la canoa" por decirlo de una forma humorística, buscaban tratamiento psicológico y psiquiátrico para curarse de esta "desviación" sexual reprimiendo sus más profundos sentimientos y causándose un daño psicológico ellos mismos. Este daño psicológico era causado por la incapacidad de no poder cambiar su atracción por las personas de su mismo sexo ya que como hoy todos sabemos, cambiar de gay a "bugas" no es sencillo, en la mayoría de los casos imposible. Con la presión de los movimientos sociales de los años 1960's y en especial del movimiento gay, algunas de estas estructuras opresivas se vinieron abajo y la homosexualidad poco a poco deja de

ser considerada como una enfermedad.

Después de 30 años de haber logrado quitar el estigma de "enfermos" a los homosexuales, hay una pregunta que no ha perdido relevancia pero que no es un obstáculo en la promoción de salir del closet, ¿somos o nos hacemos?. Esa es una pregunta que puede dar y ha dado espacio a volúmenes de libros de investigación científica y social sobre la identidad gay y de género. En este pequeño artículo es imposible discutir esta pregunta de una manera seria y por el tiempo y espacio no pretendo hacerlo. Más bien, creo que lo más apropiado es aceptar que somos así. La promoción de salir del closet, en mi punto de vista, no busca investigar las razones detrás de la sexualidad de cada persona ni mucho menos debería buscar justificarla. A una justificación precede una condena y aunque estamos conscientes que la condena por ser gays existe dentro de nuestras familias, de la sociedad y de grupos religiosos entre otros, no tenemos porque justificar nuestra forma de ser. Como seres humanos en los umbrales del siglo XXI, tenemos derechos y lo único que nos queda es hacerles valer. Entre estos derechos humanos, está el derecho de ser como somos y de cómo queremos ser, claro está, respetando los derechos de los demás. Así de que a salir del closet y aceptarnos como somos ya que ese es el primer paso para que los demás nos acepten como somos.

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# NOTES FROM THE FOR-REAL SIDE

## 'Dershowitz On Torture'

Alan Dershowitz, Harvard law professor and frequent TV commentator, has suggested that we legalize torture. His reasoning: Since the authorities are going to torture suspects in crisis situations, why not issue "torture warrants" so we can bring it out in the open and monitor it?

The short retort is that, due to the principle of unintended consequences, you don't always want to institutionalize the desperate measures that people might resort to in a crisis. But the professor's idea is too much fun to leave it at that.

Legalizing torture, an activity our culture has despised for centuries, wouldn't really legitimize it. To legitimize it and make it acceptable to queasy liberals, you'd have to give it some intellectual and institutional underpinnings.

We certainly wouldn't want to torture in a willy-nilly fashion. We'd want to make an ongoing study of the psychology of torture. And of course the same scholarly approach would have to apply to the implements of torture. The psychology and engineering or torture, their interaction, would form the basis of a new academic discipline.

What sort of institution could best house this budding discipline? If we're looking for respectability, why not put it at Harvard and give it an eminent title? How about the Harvard University Alan Dershowitz College of Torture? And for a slogan to be carved in cement above the main doorway, "Advancing the Art of Torture," in Latin of course.

Professor Dershowitz is great on television. The secret of his entertainment value is his bottomless naiveté. He gives two hypothetical cases where he feels that torture might be appropriate — the buried child and the ticking bomb.

Hypotheticals are lovely in the Cambridge symposium, but out in the real world we have something called probability. The first probability that the professor's hypotheticals overlook is that torture victims are more likely to tell you anything which will make you stop torturing them than they are to tell you the truth.

In the ticking bomb case your victim might tell you that the bomb is very distant so he'll have a longer respite from torture while you go looking for it. After the bomb goes off, he knows there'll be no more reason to torture him.

And how do you know in the first place that your victim really knows about the bomb or the buried child? Is he going to come to you and say, "I buried a child alive and time is running out. Na-na-na-na-naah-na?" Isn't it more likely that someone other than the perpetrator is going to bring the information? If that's the case, how do you know that you can't get even more information by torturing your informant? Maybe he also knows where the child is but he has a grudge against the guy he's ratting out.

But the big fat obvious probability that should prevent us from institutionalizing torture and putting it in the toolbox of the cops and assorted authorities is the probability that they're about a million times more likely to use it inappropriately and indiscriminately than they are to use it wisely. This is the same reason we don't

give loaded guns to toddlers: the probably is that bad things will happen.

Professor Dershowitz might argue that the courts will prevent misuse of torture. Since the courts are completely ineffective in preventing the misuse of searches and other routine violations of Americans' Constitutional rights, it's hard to see how they'd suddenly become effective in this new area.

If you're a cop torturing someone under the ticking bomb or the buried child scenario, are you really going to stop and wait for a warrant? Let's say you probably don't. Let's say you have an uncooperative victim and you end you torturing him to death. Are you going to be punished if the warrant doesn't finally come through? Are cops punished now for illegal searches?

Let's just hope that Professor Dershowitz continues to entertain us with his looney ideas on television and is never asked to advise anything more serious than academic committees.

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

## Gay/Lesbian Adoption

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He already has received negative feedback about his plan.

"My grandparents said it would be selfish for a Gay person to adopt when that child could have a family with a mother and a father," he said.

"But a Gay home can be just as loving and supportive," he continued. "There are hundreds of thousands of kids waiting."

The Rev. John Aker, senior pastor at Christ Community Church, 7801 E. Kenyon Drive, sees it differently. He said a nation that cares for its children will not allow them to be fostered or adopted by homosexuals.

"We place those children at risk," he said.

Aker believes children raised by homosexual couples have emotional deficits and are more likely to be the victim of Gay "predators."

He said instead of allowing Gays and Lesbians to foster and adopt the many children waiting for homes, married couples should be encouraged to take these children into their lives.

He believes Gays and Lesbians must be shown the error of their ways.

"The Bible considers homosexuality as being sinful and an abomination to God," Aker said.

But he urged society to be "tender" with homosexuals.

He believes with guidance and love, they can see how they have sinned against God and return to heterosexuality.

He said Gay families are damaging

to the foundation of society.

"I believe children know from the earliest age that which is natural, and two men or two women cannot do what a woman and man can do," he said. "They cannot create a child."

State Rep. Randy Graf, R-Green Valley, said there currently is no movement in the Legislature to ban Gay adoptions. He said he would be interested in a measure similar to Florida's law.

But Munsil said there would not be enough support for such a bill in the current Legislature.

He said there are "a number of homosexual legislators with a lot of clout who are working to advance their agenda."

But he hopes to be involved in legislation within a few years that would mirror the Florida law to ban homosexual people from adopting children.

"It will take some folks who aren't intimidated by name-calling by the homosexual community," he said.

The American Civil Liberties Union is asking the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 11th Circuit in Atlanta to review the Florida case.

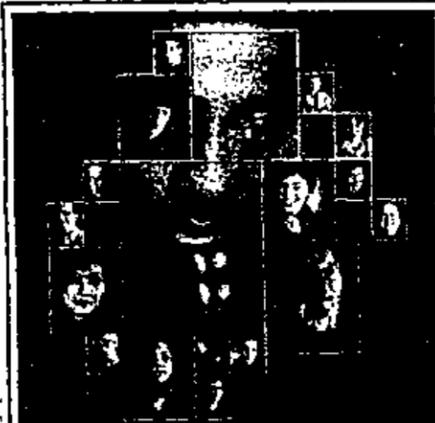
The ban on Gay adoptions in Florida was passed by the state legislature in 1977, in the midst of Anita Bryant's anti-Gay crusade, despite the state's leading adoption official saying there was no reason to prohibit adoptions by homosexual individuals.

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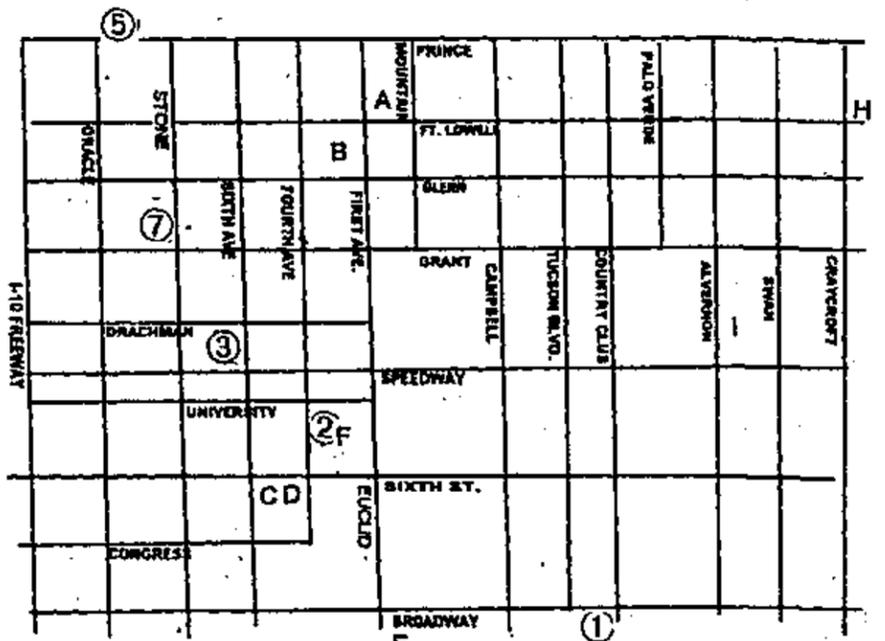
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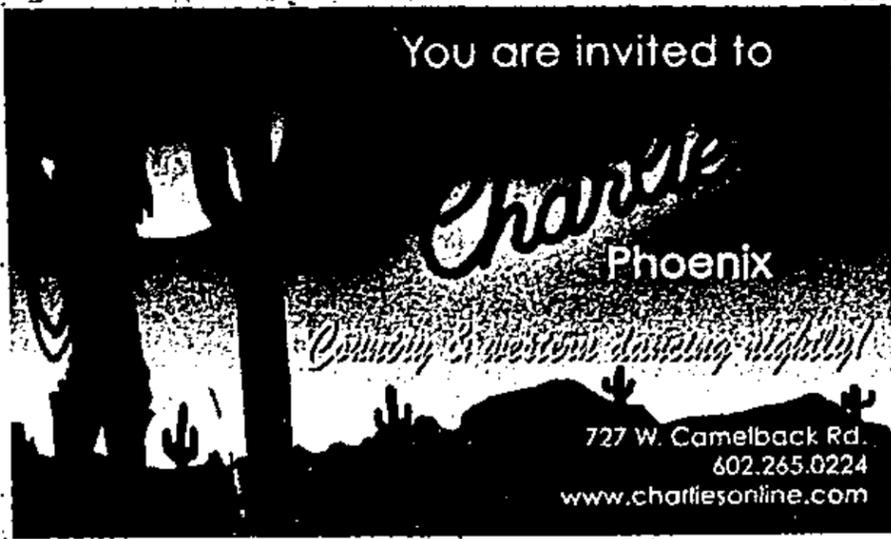


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**GENDER PRIDE** BY JON K. MAUSSE

It was standing room only at the memorial service for Alexander John Goodrum. I saw people from hundreds of miles away, and messages were read from all over the country. The only thing I could be grateful for was that now I'm a girl I can cry all I feel like. Among the things I've hated most about being a "man" was the business of always having to keep my emotions under control—which for me is nearly impossible. I keep wondering what it was like for Alexander.

Next Saturday at Outoberfest the SAGA booth will have copies of the eulogy to Alexander available. And my performance on the community stage, tentatively scheduled to take place from 11:00 to 11:20 a.m., will be dedicated to his memory. Among other pieces, I'll be doing a few blues songs; that seems appropriate, I think.

Be sure to stick around after I step down, as I plan to do myself, when Boys 'R Us, our home-grown drag king troupe, will make their debut on stage. The preliminary schedule also shows drag shows on the community stage at 1 and 7 PM, and the Royalty Drag Show with Bunny FuFu appearing on the main stage at 5. As Shakespeare often followed his most tragic

scenes with a comedy act, we need entertainment now more than ever. See you there!

Desert Girlz meet next Monday, and Desert Boyz next Tuesday, both at 7:00 p.m. at Wingspan, 300 E. Sixth Street. These support groups, for MTFs and FTMs, respectively, will give us an additional chance to work on our grief. All trans-friendly people will be welcome.

I want to acknowledge all the people who helped me write the gender article for the Tucson Weekly. At the risk of forgetting someone, that should include Mike, Michael, Ann Lorraine and Bonnie, Sassi Ann, Sonny, and Angie, Maverick, Andrea, Alexa, Lucinda, Janee, and Eric. Many thanks to you all! As for those of you who read it and enjoyed it, please consider writing in to say so: mailbag@tucsonweekly.com. We've already received one hostile letter, which I'm currently responding to, and there may be others, I'm afraid.

Getting back to the subject of the SAGA booth at OUToberFEST, we still need trans-friendly people to help staff it, especially in the afternoon. Write me at jonikmausse@yahoo.com. Thanks, Sweetie!

**Patience Frays On New York City GLBT Rights Law**

NEW YORK CITY, NY - The city's GLBT community has run out of collective patience waiting for the state's politicians to pass the Sexual Orientation Nondiscrimination Act (SONDA), which was first introduced in 1971, reported the Gay.com/PlanetOut.com network.

The rope has worn so thin that the audience at the Empire State Pride Agenda (ESPA) dinner hissed and booed New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg, when he stood before the crowd and announced: "I will tell you that SONDA will be passed in the next session. Victory is at hand, and it's due in large measure to the advocacy and leadership of (Gov.) George Pataki."

The promise that SONDA will be passed "in the next session," is one which the Empire State's GLBT voters have heard for years, and although the new mayor may not have realized it, repeating the old saw was almost worse than saying nothing. The audience at last year's Empire State Pride dinner had heard the governor himself pledge to do "everything in my power," to pass SONDA in the 2002 session.

But once again, although the Democratic state Assembly passed the bill as it has for the last decade, the Republican-controlled Senate took no action.

"We know that if the governor wants this bill, he could have it in two seconds," said Joe Tarver, spokesman for ESPA. "We believe it's a matter of leadership and following through on his promise."

Since the Senate must return after the election to finish out the 2002 session, activists want SONDA placed on the final agenda this year, not next year.

Senate leader Joseph Bruno, who holds the fate of the bill in his hands, spoke with Mayor Bloomberg on the day of the dinner, and one of Bruno's aides told the New York Times that "the prospects (for passing SONDA) are better than they've ever been." According to the Times, Pataki

was also in talks with Bruno during the day, but the trio of Republicans was apparently unable to come up with a firm plan to vote on SONDA this year.

"We need to hear directly from Senator Bruno that he means to pass SONDA the next time the Senate comes to Albany," said ESPA Executive Director Matt Foreman. "It's an embarrassment to New York state not to have basic civil rights protections for Gays and Lesbians. For us, politics is all about what you deliver. It's not about what you say."

ESPA has not endorsed a candidate in the gubernatorial race that pits Pataki against Democrat Carl McCall. McCall, who trails by double digits after a nepotism scandal, drew cheers from the audience, when he said: "We have a governor who sent someone here with a message saying, 'Just trust me. I will change the law.'"

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Dear Dr. X,

I work in an upscale Mexican restaurant with many attractive Mexican men. There are a lot of Gay jokes and ass grabbing going on, but I can't tell who is Gay and who isn't. The one guy who confuses me the most is also the hottest one. He can be nice and overly friendly, but then be just mean and nasty. I'm afraid to ask him because if they are all straight I don't want to be known as the "gringo maricon!"

Spicy Dish

Dear Spicy Dish,

Flirting in the work place is not a good idea. If you need to hook up with a Gay Hispanic man, honey, go to a Gay bar. Why put yourself into an uncomfortable situation at work? For some reason, when a group of straight guys get together, there seems to be more homoerotic situations than in an episode of "OZ." As most Gay men know, with enough liquor and a guarantee that no one will find out, "straight" men will sometimes accept a blowjob. But there is no way to bring up the subject of homosexuality that isn't going to out you. If you are out of the closet and you are not going to lose your job or be harassed or physically assaulted, go ahead and come out at work and see where that leads. If you can't, you need to find a way to go south of the border in a safe place. Oté!

Dear Dr X,

First of all, I really love your ad-

vice. I hope you can answer my question. I'm really into latex and leather clothes, but not the whole master/slave bit. Are there any clubs, sites, or places I can contact? I would really love your help.

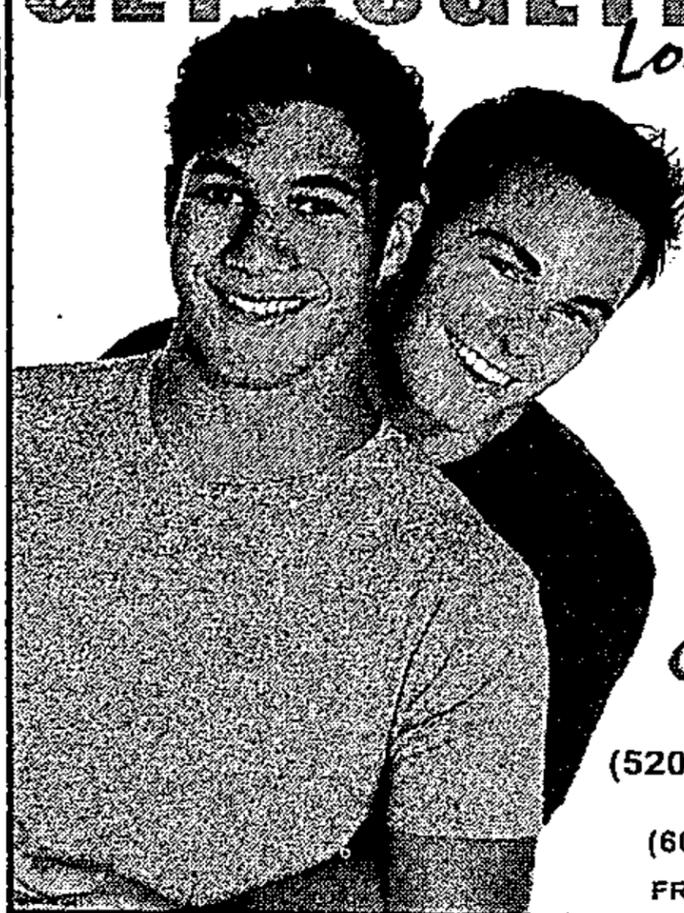
Likes it Tight

Dear Likes it Tight,

Fetishes such as latex and leather have a tendency to be quite extreme. You like the look of those fetishes, but you don't want to participate in what they're all about. However, if you decide to go out dressed in the gear of a particular fetish, you are sending the signal that you are into the activities associated with them, and you might find yourself caught up in a situation that you didn't bargain for. My advice is to enjoy such extreme fetishes from the safety of your own home. Try the Internet. You've heard the old saying, "If you can't stand the heat, stay out of the kitchen." If you do decide to take an active role in this kind of scene, there are a few places in town that cater to this crowd. Unfortunately, I can't support any places or offer names, but they are not hard to find. If you don't mind the drive, Phoenix also has several different places you should check out.

[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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## Financial Doubts Trip Up Gay Games

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the world's largest Pride event, was placed in receivership during the summer, and its assets were up for sale after the spring 2002 event posted losses of \$275,000 (U.S.). However, the festival was rescued last month after three local organizations worked out a deal to take over the annual event.

"Everywhere I go people ask, 'Are you going to survive?'" Lange told the Morning Herald. "Mardi Gras has effectively taken the focus away from the Games and made the local community nervous about the Games going on."

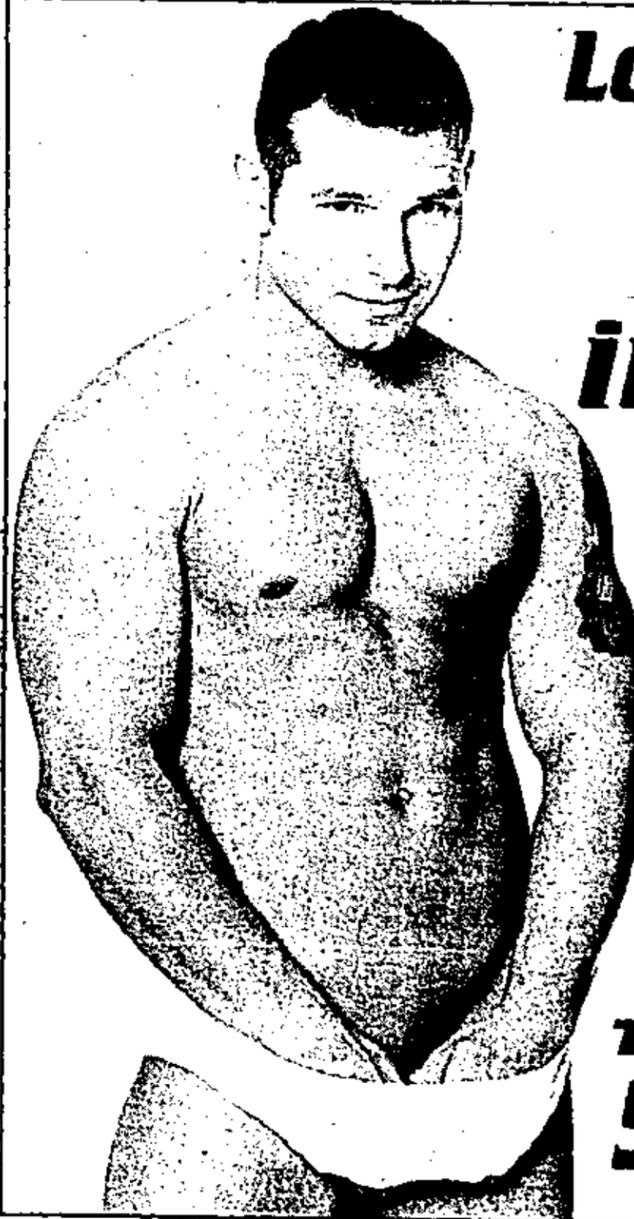
She also admitted that the Gay Games had sought \$1.5 million in overdraft protection, but she insisted the privately funded event would proceed as scheduled.

The Gay Games, which begin Nov. 2, received another setback when SBS television withdrew from televising the opening ceremony, featuring singer k.d. lang.

The weeklong event is estimated to bring in over \$100 million for the local economy.

**"If a man does not keep pace with his companions, perhaps it is because he hears a different drummer. Let him step to the music which he hears, however measured or far away."**

- Henry David Thoreau



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## NON-BAR CALENDAR

### GROUPS / CLUBS / ORGANIZATIONS

#### WEDNESDAY, OCT. 9

Tucson Prime Timers Video Night - 7:00 P.M. Non pornographic movies with Gay themes are shown. Phone: 740-0620 - David Eyde

#### THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10

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

7:30 p.m. The Man-To-Men Club offers an evening of Men's Relationship building and a Tantric Erotic Video. Call 881-4582 to sign up.

#### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 11

September's Footloose Friday Dance starts at 8:00 p.m. tonight. Water of Life MCC invites you all to bring your dancing shoes and kick up your heels at this chemical and alcohol free event. All are welcome to join the fun. For more information, call (520)292-9151.

#### SATURDAY, OCT. 12

OUTOBERFEST opens at Reid Park at 10:00 a.m. today and runs until 8:00 p.m. The area is in the Southwest corner of Reid Park centering on the DeMeester Outdoor Performance Center. Lots of entertainment, food and drink. In addition there will be booths featuring information from local community groups, statewide organizations and wares from GLBT-owned and straight supportive businesses. \$5.00 donation with proceeds going to GLBT organizations. Thousands from near and far attend this Gay Pride festival. Get there early and stay late.

Tucson Prime Timers Breakfast - 9 AM Home Town Buffet, 5101 N. Oracle Rd.

Tucson Prime Timers Food & Drinks - 5:00 P.M. Woody's, 3710 N. Oracle Rd., N. of Prince Rd.

#### MONDAY, OCTOBER 14

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

Tucson Prime Timers Lunch - 1:00 P.M. The Wildcat House, 1800 N. Stone Ave. Phone: 622-1835

#### TUESDAY, OCTOBER 15

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.

#### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 16

#1. Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 6:30 p.m. T. Jay hosts a Dinner Out at Garcia's-a good Mexican restaurant located at the old train downtown train station. For reservations and direction, please contact T. Jay at 881-7919.

#2. Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. The Canasta Club meets to play this fun card game. If you don't know how to play, we'll teach you. For directions and reservations, please call Karol at 744-9017.

Tucson Prime Timers Video Night - 7:00 P.M. Non pornographic movies with Gay themes are shown. Phone: 740-0620 - David Eyde

#### THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17

Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 6:00 p.m. In support of Sweet Tomatoes donating 20% of their profits on each dinner to each patron with a "Fun-Raiser" flyer, we're out to dinner to help raise money for SAAF. Please contact the Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation for details.

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

#### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 18

Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. Join Bruce as he hosts Pizza Night. For only \$5, you get pizza, salad, drinks and desserts. For reservations and directions, please call Bruce at 743-3690.

#### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19

#1. Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 a.m. Join the men for another Birding Expedition to Las Cienegas. For reservations and details, please call Gene at 625-8109.

#2. 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.

#3. Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. David & Dan 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 Dan or David at 579-9763.

#4. Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. Bill hosts the continuing saga of the Fisher family in "Six Feet Under". For reservations and directions, please call Bill at 546-7839.

Tucson Prime Timers Lunch/Business Meeting - 12:00 Noon Home Town Buffet, 5101 N. Oracle Rd., N. of River Rd. Phone: 622-1835

## Bar Calendar

### Of Upcoming Events

#### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 9

IBT'S - 9:00 p.m. "DivaLicious" Show hosted by Lucinda Holiday and starring Bunny FuFu, Diana Fleir, Faith Michaels and Lady Ashley.

#### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 11

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - Latin music 9:00 p.m. to close. \$1.50 Tequila shots. \$2.50 Tequila Sunrise. Short specials every half hour. No cover. DJ Hill spins.

#### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - The closest bar to Reid Park and the OUTOBERFEST the BIZ is having an "After Pride Picnic Bash". The bar opens at 2:00 p.m. \$1.00 draft beer. Dance music with DJ Hill 7:00 to close. No Cover. No Lines. Drink specials all night.

WOODY'S - As a proud sponsor of OUTOBERFEST, Woody's is celebrating with a Post-Picnic Party and Bar-B-Que from 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

#### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13

IBT'S - Party line-up includes OUTOBERFEST Recovery Bar from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. \$1.50 Bloody Marys, Screwdrivers or Mimosas. Karaoke Party with Michael D. 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 TIHAN featuring Brautwurst and Sauerkraut. Then at 9:00 p.m. Sign-up for Underwear Contest hosted by Aja Simone. \$100 first prize!!! (Minimum of four contestants).

YARD DOG - Live Jazz is coming to the Dog tonight from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. and every Sunday from now on the Yard Dog Jazz Duo will be performing on the patio. Plus - Food is being served from 5:00 p.m. until it runs out. So check it out!

#### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 16

IBT'S - 9:00 P.M. "DivaLicious" Show hosted by Lucinda Holiday and starring Adrienne Alexander, Janee Starr and Terri Aki.

#### THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17

VENTURE-N - It's the big "Mortgage Burning Party" along with the regular Steak Night 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. The party goes on all evening. Come by and watch Jim burn that Mortgage!!

Tucson Prime Timers Food & Drinks - 5:00 P.M. Woody's, 3710 N. Oracle Rd., N. of Oracle Rd.

#### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20

AIDSWALK 2002. Bigger and bigger each year. 4,000 walkers expected this year raising money for the Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation (SAAF). Every dollar raised by walkers will enable SAAF to provide critical services to people living with HIV/AIDS and their families and deliver important prevention education programs to our community. Rūito River Park, One block South of River Road on 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue. Call 791-9255 to learn how you can still participate in AIDSWALK 2002.

#1. Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 10:00 a.m. The men of MSN will participate in the annual AIDSWALK to raise money for SAAF. If you'd like to take part, or make a donation, please call Bill at 297-3569.

#2. Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 12:30 p.m. Lloyd hosts his semi-annual lunch at the Tanque Verde Guest Ranch. The \$18.00 is needed in advance, but there may be a cancellation, so call for details at 792-8537.

#### MONDAY, OCTOBER 21

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

Tucson Prime Timers Lunch - 1:00 P.M. The Wildcat House, 1800 N. Stone Ave., S. of Grant Rd.

#### TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22

#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 Karol'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 Karol at 744-9017.

#### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 23

Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. The Canasta Club meets to play this fun card game. If you don't know how to play, we'll teach you. For directions and reservations, please call Bill at 297-3569.

Tucson Prime Timers Video Night - 7:00 P.M. Non pornographic movies with Gay themes are shown. Phone: 740-0620 - David Eyde

#### THURSDAY, OCTOBER 24

Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 11:00 a.m. Join the guys for a Lunch Out at the Casino of the Sun. After lunch, head out to the gaming area and take your chances if you're so inclined. For details or directions, please call Jerry or Lou at 690-9565.

Tucson Prime Timers Dinner - 6 PM DeVinci's Italian Restaurant, 3535 E. Ft. Lowell Rd.

A Men's Fellowship Group starts at 7:00 p.m. at the Water of Life MCC. All men are invited to come and your expand your relationship with God.

## Daily Bar Calendar

### Single

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.

IBT's - 10am-6pm \$1.75 Bloody's, Screws or Mimosas. Benefit B-B-Q and Beer Bust for community organizations 5:30-8pm. Karaoke with Michael D. 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.

VENTURE-N - Open 10am. Patio open 5pm. Daily special til 7pm. Patio Beer bust 3-7. Burger Bar-B-Que 5-7. (Donation only)

WOODY'S - Open 11am. \$1.50 Bloody Marys, screwdrivers, Mimosas. Happy Hour 11am-8pm \$2 well or domestic beer. Pick-up Volleyball games 5-7. \$2.50 sirloin burger or chicken 5-9pm. Karaoke with Michael D. 9pm

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

### Monday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - 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.

IBT's - Open 11am. Happy Hours 11am-8pm, \$2 domestic beer and well. 4-9pm. Hot dance with DJ Rayman. Indie Mongie 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.

VENTURE-N - Open 10am. Patio 5pm. Daily specials til 7pm

WOODY'S - Open Noon. \$2 well or domestic beer til 8pm. Karaoke w/Michael D. 9pm to close.

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

### Tuesday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - Open 2pm. Happy Hour Two-For-One domestic beer & well 2-7pm. Pool journey 7:30pm. \$3 entry, bar matches pot. Country music 9pm to close. \$2 bottled Bud products 8pm to close.

IBT's - 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 8pm to close W/DJ-Q

VENTURE-N - Open 10am. Patio 5pm. Daily specials til 7pm.

WOODY'S - Open Noon \$2 well or domestic til 8pm. Tropical drink specials 8 to close. \$3 zombies. Jungle Juice, Mai Tai's.

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

### Wednesday

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.

IBT's - Open 11am. Happy Hours 11am-8pm, \$2 domestic beer and well. 9pm "Diva-Licious" show w/Lucinda Holiday and guests. HNRG Dancing with DJ-Q. All drink specials not available during special events.

VENTURE-N - Open 10am. Patio 5pm. Daily specials til 7pm.

WOODY'S - Open Noon. \$2 well or domestic beer til 8pm. Volleyball games start 7pm. Underwear-fetish-leather nite with Michael \$1 off your favorite drink. Chill dogs or bowls \$1.

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

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Open 2pm. Happy Hour 2-7pm with 2-4-1 domestic beer and well. Karaoke 9-close. with \$2 Kamikazees and \$1 Hot Sex.

IBT's - Open 11am. Happy Hours 11am-8pm, \$2 domestic beer and well. 4-9. Retro 80s Dance w/Jonathan Hill HRG dancing 9-1 All drink specials not available during special events.

VENTURE-N - Open 10am. Patio open 5pm. Daily special til 7pm. Pool Tournament 7pm. 3 entry. (Special prices for players).

WOODY'S - Open Noon. \$2 well or domestic beer til 8pm. Trivia Thursday 8pm-close plus 50¢ off all Big Ass drinks. Top scores on MTN game wins special prizes. Free Pool 8 to close. Volleyball Court is Open. See bartender.

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

### Friday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Open 2pm. Happy Hour 2-7pm with 2-4-1 domestic beer and well. Music with DJ Hill 9pm - close. Shot and drink specials all night. No cover.

IBT's - Open 11am. Happy Hours 11am-8pm, \$2 domestic beer and well. Live Jazz on the patio with the Susan 6-9pm. Patio Bar 5-1pm. Dance Party with DJ Rayman 9 to 1. All drink specials not available during special events.

VENTURE-N - Open 10am. Patio open 5pm. Daily special til 7pm. Happy Hour Buffet 5-7pm.

WOODY'S - Open Noon. \$2 well or domestic beer til 8pm. Martini Party - Well Martini's \$2.00 all day. Call Marthin \$3 from 4pm to close. Volleyball Court is Open. Patio Bar Open 7pm - midnight.

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

### Saturday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Open at 2pm. Pool Tournament 8:30pm \$3 entry. Bar matches pot. \$2 pitchers for pool players. DJ Hill 9pm-close. Drink & Shot Specials all night.

IBT's - 10am-8pm \$2 domestic beer and well. Dance Party 9-1 w/DJ-Q. All drink specials not available during special events.

VENTURE-N - Open 10am. Patio Bar open at 3pm. Daily special til 7pm. Patio Beer Bust 3-7pm.

WOODY'S - Open 11am \$2 well or domestic beer. Til 8pm. Happy Hour 4-9pm. \$1.75 well or domestics. Patio Bar opens 5pm. 5-9pm Filet Mignon or Swordfish BBQ with all the trimmings \$5.

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



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

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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 p.m. 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 690-4613, 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 661-1794 - 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 745-8977 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 (806 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 (GPOLCC) P.O. BOX 2097, Phoenix, AZ 85001-2097. E-mail: webmaster@gpolcc.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 BASE to: Tucson Tanners, P.O. Box 84-G, Cortaro, AZ 85652.

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

BEARS OF THE OLD PUEBLO - a social club for bears and bigger, more robust men (and of course, those who prefer their company). For more info, Call the Bears Hotline (520)790-5775 or write P.O. Box 43910, Tucson, AZ 85733-3910 or visit our website at www.botop.com All are welcome to our general meetings/pollucks 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. New 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, Elise 561-8850 or Ronn 968-2384.

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

CRONIES SOCIAL GROUP. A Social group for Gay men who enjoy the fellowship of their peers. Call Leo at 624-6766.

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

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T-SQUARES Lesbian and Gay square dance club meets every Tuesday from 8:30-9:00 p.m. at Cornerstone Fellowship Social Hall, 2902 N. Geronimo (near 1st Ave. and Laguna). Open to All. Call Liz at 325-9466 or Ray at 749-6247.

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

COME EXPLORE YOUR SPIRITUALITY! St. Philip's in the Hills Episcopal Church offers a variety of Gay and Lesbian groups and services for the spiritually minded. Come meet the Phantyl! For more information call Debbie 578-8827 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 8:30 to 9:30pm at Armory Park Senior Center, 220 S. 8th Ave. Call 791-9662.

Join the LESBIAN & GAY PUBLIC AWARENESS PROJECT. In Tucson write Awareness Project, 3661 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 299-8647.

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

ARE YOU GAY OR BISEXUAL AND UNDER 21 YEARS OF AGE? The Gay Young Men's Project is now looking for volunteers for the project. We need people who want to help create a positive social change for young Gay men as well as reduce the risk for HIV infection. For more information please call 628-7223.

THE MEN'S MASSAGE GROUP meets the 3rd Sunday of each month. It is a good way to meet other men of all ages, safely, and with the art of nurturing touch. There is a fee. You must sign up in advance to participate. Call Marc at 881-4562 for more information or sign up.

COMMUNITY BUSINESS ASSOCIATION (CBA), Tucson's Gay and Lesbian business networking group holds regular meetings the third Thursday of every month. Call 615-8436 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 OUtberFest. Inquiries about support groups and individual needs should be directed to Wingspan and other local agencies listed here. For more information call 622-3200 or visit 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 8 weeks. 694-7063.

TUCSON GREATER SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION. Interested? Call Kelly Quinn, (520)742-7895 or go to our web site http://www.tgsasoftball.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 289-8647.

LESBIAN/GAY/BI-SEXUAL OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS. Saturdays 1 to 2pm new location Wingspan, 300 E. 6th St. Contacts 325-8878 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 Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Church, 1436 N. Campbell across from University Hospital. For more info, Call Anabel at 325-0892

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

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 640-0820

NOTICES

SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED DISEASE CLINIC 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 mailtyan@earthlink.com and request guidelines.

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

THEATER / DINNER / ETC! Non-Smoking Lesbian Network meets every 3rd Saturday night of each month. If you'd like to meet women 35+ (flexible) and socialize in a smoke-free environment 888-3010 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. SAGAEmail@aol.com http://members.aol.com/sagaemail

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, 8523 N. 14th St., #112, Phoenix, AZ 85014 or call 602-278-4805.

DESERT DOMINION TUCSON'S 100% CONSENSUAL, Pan-Fetish, Pan-Sexual, Informational, Educational, Safe Space for the B&D, S&M, D&S and TV community. For more info call (520)792-6424 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)534-8219 (Phoenix)

GISEN - 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 65 Petar & Paul Church, Madonna Hall 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Fr. Fiedler in attendance every meeting and willing to speak one on one. Reaching out to Parents and Families. For more info call Doc or Barbara 293-8624.

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 3rd Sunday, 8:30 p.m. each month at Santa Cruz Lutheran Church, 6809 S. Cardinal Ave. For information visit www.lctucson.org write: LG, 7014 E. Golf Links Road, PMB 212, Tucson, AZ 85730.

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

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

TGNAriz: The central source for news and information for, by and about the TS, TG, and Gender-variant communities of Arizona. Website URL: http://www.ignearizona.org - e-mail address: sigoodnum@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. 622-4626 or 750-8404.

SOUTHERN ARIZONA STONEWALL DEMOCRATS meet 3rd Monday of each month 7pm at 4636 E. First Street. Call Jesse 743-4320 or Maurice 323-2293. All LGBT Democrats and supporters welcome. TucsonStonewall@aol.com

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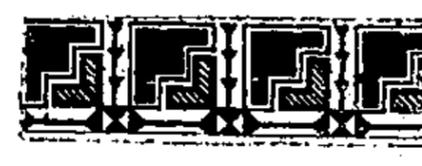
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# Mr. and Miss Gay Teen Tucson Pageant 2003



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October 26<sup>th</sup>, 2002

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# A Q&A Event

QueerVoice is a program of the Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation, Pima County Health Department, and Wingspan.

## Tucson Comes Out Proudly



Part of the 7,600+ people who attended the annual OUToberFEST in Reid Park last Saturday, October 12<sup>th</sup>. See story below.

By Bob Bowers

TUCSON - OUToberFEST which was held Saturday October 12 was a great success. The event was enjoyed by 7,500 with wonderful music, food and information all day long. The weather was nearly perfect for a great family day of celebration and togetherness which prevailed for the day for GLBT people, straight friends and families both GLBT and straight. Many families and people of all diversities made this their outing for the day. Attendees were festive and enthusiastic and are to be congratulated on the peaceful, safe and secure environment enjoyed by all with no incidents.

One fan from Phoenix sent this email to Tucson Pride: "My partner and I live in Phoenix, and since we had nothing planned for Oct. 12th., we decided to go to Tucson for Pride Day. Boy, was that ever a

great decision. That was the best Pride we have been to for some time. Loved the entertainment... Thanks Tucson for putting on such a great day."

The cooperation and assistance of the Tucson Police Department and officers from the Tohono O'odham Nation were well received and greatly appreciated in helping to implement the event security guidelines of the Tucson Police and providing security for all. Families and many groups cooperated with the security guidelines by holding picnics and cook-outs outside the festival grounds but were still able to come and go to enjoy the festivities inside. Many people viewed the memorial to Richard Heakin which was on display and will now be installed by the City in Sunset Park next to City Hall.

Success would not have been

possible without the help of 85 community volunteers. Many worked long hours before, during and after the festival helping with setup, donation collections, security, ID checks, tear-down and other tasks necessary to run the event. Special thanks are owed to the staff of the City of Tucson Parks and Recreation for their work in enabling the new event layout and organization.

In addition to the main stage with a full day of entertainment, the Community Stage was brought back this year providing an alternate entertainment venue and the opportunity for many from the community to display their talents. Food vendors in a new food court were busy all day. About 40 retail vendors and 40 information vendors, including politicians and political parties, provided a diversity of shopping opportunities and education.

OUToberFEST was a financial success. Revenue from the event was sufficient to cover expenses and to provide a financial base for continuing the event in the future. Organizations in the community will benefit from the "Volunteers for Dollars" program which provides each volunteer \$8 per volunteer hour to support a charity or cause of their choice.

Board members of Tucson Pride wish to express their thanks to all volunteers and sponsors. Sponsors for OUToberFEST 2002 were IBT's and Woody's, title sponsors, and Budweiser, KRQ Radio, Centra Realty, American Express, Natural Life Chiropractic, Speedway Veterinary Hospital, Desert Pride, White Space Design, ID Lubricants, Creative Communications, Pronto Printing, Inn Suites, Community Business Association and Oasis Water Company.

## Poll Says Americans Think 1-in-5 Are Gay

WASHINGTON, DC - The Gallup Organization released results from a poll it conducted over the summer which found that, on average, Americans think 20 percent of the general population -- or one person in five -- is Gay or Lesbian.

In its poll, Gallup asked respondents to estimate what percentage of the population they thought to be Gay or Lesbian. On average, respondents said 21 percent of all men were Gay and 22 percent of all women were Lesbian. One quarter of those polled gave estimates that were significantly higher.

Gallup noted male respondents tended to give lower estimates of both the Gay and Lesbian populations than female respondents did, and that both sexes believe there are more Gay people of the opposite

sex than of their own sex. At least one in six respondents did not offer an estimate.

In November 2001, the Kaiser Family Foundation conducted a similar poll with similar results. Their survey of fifteen metropolitan areas found that 18 percent of those polled identified as Gay, Lesbian or Bisexual.

"The growing visibility of Gay men and Lesbians in our country naturally leads to questions about the size of our community," said Cathy Renna, GLAAD's news media director.

"When you look at the recent Kaiser Family Foundation report and the attempts to count Gay couples in the 2000

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## AIDSWALK 2002 Sunday, October 20

TUCSON - The Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation (SAAF) has seen a 23% increase in the number of clients accessing its services over the past year.

"This is a substantial increase for just one year, really unprecedented for us," stated Anne Maley, Executive Director of SAAF. "This could be the result of more people getting tested for HIV or that more people are becoming aware of the services we offer. We hope that it does not indicate an increase in the rate of new HIV infections."

SAAF has added staff to meet the increasing demands and has had to implement new eligibility requirements for certain services. "We are committed to providing comprehensive services to people living with HIV/AIDS. What we are look-

ing at now is ensuring that the client's need for the service is warranted by their medical, financial, or emotional situation," noted Maley.

One example of a service limitation is the provision of nutritional supplements for people who become ill and are in danger of losing weight. Clients will now be limited in how much they can receive and for how long. "It's not just the increased number of people who we are seeing but also their increased needs that are putting a strain on services," stated Maley. "More and more often, the people who come to us for help have practically no other resources--no insurance, possibly no housing, and often no family support."

SAAF has also stepped up its  
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# UPDATE

## UofA Ends Boy Scout Charity Ban

TUCSON - The University of Arizona announced that it will no longer use its annual charity drive to take a stand against anti Gay discrimination, according to the Tucson Citizen.

One year after the university cut the Boy Scouts of America from its United Way workplace campaign because of the group's ban on Gay members, the Scouts are back in the fold. "This year we are returning to our previous practice of providing on the enrollment form a line where you may write in the names of any community agencies you choose," university president Peter Likins wrote in a letter posted on the university's Web site Monday, October 14.

A U of A professor who had pushed for the Scouts to be removed from the United Way campaign said that university leaders changed their minds about the policy without consulting him. "I would say that we are disappointed and perturbed that on an issue in which it was quite clear that the interests of our community were at stake, we were not consulted," said Fenton Johnson, an associate professor of English and a member of U of A's committee on Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Studies.

Lou Salute, executive director of the Boy Scouts' local Catalina Council, said UA leaders did the right thing by returning to their previous policy. "I think it just gives back the freedom of choice to the employees," he said.

## Bicycle Drive Underway For Kids Xmas Present

TUCSON (ON) - A drive for bicycles, in fixable condition, has been announced by the owners of the Venture-N and the Yard Dog Saloon.

Jim Dondson and Ray Gregg are seeking any size and style bicycles to fix up and given to underprivileged children, December 15, in the Balboa Neighborhood area, where the Yard Dog is located.

People wanting to donate a bicycle should bring them to the Venture-N for refurbishing. More information about this effort in next week's Observer.

## Free 'Celluloid Closet' Viewing Friday, Oct. 25

TUCSON - Michael Lumpkin, director of the San Francisco International Lesbian & Gay Film Festival (SFILGFF), comes to Tucson to share the free dish on the the world's largest LGBT cultural event, Friday, October 25, 7:00 p.m., at the Main Library, 101 N. Stone Ave.

Lumpkin will talk about the glamorous history of the festival, which has launched or played a critical role in the American careers of filmmakers from Gus Van Sant to John Waters to Christine Vachon. Lumpkin also co-produced The Celluloid Closet, the documentary adaptation of film critic Vito Russo's groundbreaking book on Gays and Lesbians in Hollywood cinema.

Lumpkin will be interviewed by novelist, essayist, and University of Arizona creative writing professor Fenton Johnson, who served on the SFILGFF board of directors in its formative years.

Following Lumpkin's dish, Wingspan serves up a free screening of "The Celluloid Closet" for dessert.

This event is co-sponsored by the City of Tucson Film Office, University of Arizona Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Studies Program, Lesbian Looks, and the Tucson-Pima Public Library.

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

## Classical Concert For TIHAN October 20

TUCSON - Enjoy an afternoon of classical music this Sunday, October 20, as the Lutheran Church of the Foothills hosts a concert to benefit the work of the Tucson Interfaith HIV/AIDS Network (TIHAN).

The "Musical Potpourri" concert will take place at 3:00 p.m., at 5102 North Craycroft Road (between River and Sunrise). Featured performers include Leonard Taffs (grand piano), Ulrich Michael (violin), Meg Stohlmann (vocal), Natalie Recely (flute), Ralph Geror (organ), along with a Consort of Viols.

Suggested donation is \$10.00, with all proceeds benefitting the work of TIHAN. For more information, call (520) 577-9463, or the TIHAN office at (520) 299-6647.

## Special HIV/AIDS Service At Cornerstone

TUCSON - Cornerstone Fellowship is pleased to announce a special service, Sunday, October 27 centered around the HIV/AIDS pandemic.

The day will begin at 10:00 a.m., with a display of several quilt panels on loan from The Names Project also known as the AIDS Quilt. This project began in 1987 and now contains over 44,000 3x6 foot panels hand sewn by friends and family members of the victims of this terrible disease.

There will be a half-hour time for quiet remembrance and reflection followed by a special service beginning at 10:30 a.m. until Noon, followed by another hour of viewing and quiet remembrance. All are welcome and encouraged to attend. The church is located at 2902 N. Geronimo in Tucson. For more information call (520) 622-4626.

## Cushing Street Is New Fourth Friday Venue

TUCSON - Fourth Friday will be held this month on October 25 from 5:00 - 8:00 p.m. at Cushing Street Bar & Restaurant, 198 West Cushing Street, just south of the Tucson Convention Center.

Fourth Friday is an alternative gathering place to meet single GBT friends, and a great place to start your weekend activities. The cost is \$10 at the door for hors d'oeuvres and a donation to Wingspan.

For further information, call Wingspan at (520) 624-1779.

## S.F. Assessor Grants Tax Break For G/L Couples

SAN FRANCISCO, CA - San Francisco County has become the first in California to end the practice of reassessing a Gay couple's shared property when one partner dies, the San Francisco Chronicle reports.

Under state law, married couples are exempt from having their property reassessed when one of them dies. But because same-sex couples cannot legally marry, they have been subject to such reassessment. As a result, the tax bills after one partner dies can be financially crippling. Under the San Francisco County assessor's ruling, Gay couples who are registered as domestic partners receive the same exemptions as married couples.

"I feel like I should celebrate," said Ursula Bellamy, a 64-year-old who has been fighting a property tax bill since her partner died in 1995. When the couple bought their Glen Park home in 1974, it was valued at about \$62,000. But after Bellamy's partner died, the assessor's office reassessed the value at about \$500,000. Used to paying about \$980 in property taxes every year, Bellamy said she faced a \$13,300 bill last year, which included the taxes due for the five years since her partner died. "It's a horror story," she said. Bellamy should be able to successfully appeal the reassessment under the new rule, deputy chief assessor Ronald Chun said.

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# Why War With Iraq Is A Queer Issue

By Faisal Alam

This past weekend [September 28, 29] marked a remarkable day in history where hundreds and thousands of people around the world joined forces in voicing their opposition to a US-led war with Iraq. Protesters also called for an end to sanctions, implemented more than a decade ago, that have cost the lives of more than 500,000 men, women and children across Iraq and have brought extreme poverty and malnutrition to thousands of others.

More than 50,000 people took to the streets in Washington, DC, more than 200,000 in London, and thousands more across the European continent - to express outrage at the United States' government and its unilateral and imperialistic foreign policies. Amongst the dozens of groups that endorsed the protests a cross-section of liberationist movements were represented under one umbrella. But one community was notably missing. The Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender movement. There was no visible queer presence at any of the protests and to date no major national LGBT organization in the United States (except for the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches) has spoken out against an impending war with Iraq.

Many ask the question, "What does a war with Iraq have to do with queers? And why does opposing a war with Iraq, or any other country for that matter, have anything to do with the 'Gay agenda?'" The answer is - EVERYTHING! Since September 11th, 2001, the United States has more than tripled its national defense budget in the name of "security,"

and in the name of a "war of terror." The consequences of our national attention being focused on war has led many to lose focus on the critical issues facing some of the most vulnerable in our society, including Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender people, people living with HIV and AIDS, homeless youth, and low-income families, amongst others.

Federal resources are already being limited every day under the Bush administration. Government funding for HIV prevention and education remains stagnant at a time when more than one quarter of our young people are being infected with the virus that causes AIDS. While this alarming rate continues to rise, our government insists on cracking down on organizations that continue to provide messages of safe sex, and the Department of Health and Human Services has officially taken an abstinence-only policy, making the sex lives of most queer people almost invisible.

Poverty amongst low-income LGBT families remains far from our radar screen, as though all of us can afford to go to \$250 tuxedo dinners to watch straight celebrities get an "Equality award." More than 40 million people in our country live every day without basic health insurance. Universal health care that would guarantee every LGBT person insurance and the right to live a healthy life remains far from reality, and the United States remains the only industrialized nation in the world without a national health care plan.

Our inner cities remain some of the most destitute places where thousands of our young queer people of color live,

grow, and thrive. Social and economic justice, basic human rights, life, liberty, dignity, remain far away from our \$250 dinners, our \$150 circuit parties, or our \$2,000 Gay and Lesbian cruises to the Mediterranean and Cancun.

Meanwhile the Bush administration continues to beat the drums of war, rallying Americans across the country to support the ousting of the "axis of evil." But the truth of the matter is that a war with Iraq will only mean that more funding will be taken away from the issues that affect all of our lives and the lives of our loved ones - both queer and straight.

Only a few decades ago, at the birth of our movement for freedom and liberation, Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender people understood that single-issue politics would not win us any thing. Decades ago when we took to the streets to fight police brutality we understood that fighting multiple oppressions through a multi-lateral, multi-issue platform was the only way to gain our liberation. But today, few of us remember this history.

Queer people have been at the forefront of social and economic justice struggles since the beginning of our fight for equality. The feminist movement, the labor movement, the struggle for civil rights, the struggle for immigrant rights, and economic justice for poor people - all have actively involved Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender people. Only a few decades ago LGBT people were likened to Communists, and the Department of State was on a witch-hunt to weed out queers from its ranks liking them to Cold

War spies.

Today, we have fallen victim to our own "comfort," the majority of us living in urban cities where we are seemingly "safe," under the guise of laws that protect our sex lives, our jobs, our relationships, and our homes.

Today, LGBT people across the United States live in a world where our acceptance has almost been won, where our freedom is strong in almost every major city, and in a society that understands our lives better than ever before. But while we have grown accustomed to being "accepted" many members of our community have forgotten that most of this country remains a haven for homophobia and intolerance. Ironically most of this oppression is supported and in some cases funded our own government through institutions like schools and the church (and mosques and temples).

This is the same government that now wants to lead our nation into a war that the majority of the world opposes. But how easily we forget that the same Iraqi president that we are now fighting against was put in power by our own government. Many of the governments that we are now allied with in our fight against "terrorism" continue to perpetuate horrendous abuses of human rights against sexual and gender minorities living in their countries. And while we sit happy and free in our bars, our tennis clubs, at our annual benefits and dinners, and in our LGBT centers around the country, the real fight for freedom and struggle still continues around the world.

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The goals of this forum are to: Raise awareness about breast cancer causes and warning signs, which people are at greatest risk, what possible prevention and detection methods are available, and what community resources are available to the LGBT community. Provide an opportunity for dialogue in a safe space for members of the LGBT community to talk openly about their breasts.

Most people know that all women are at risk for breast cancer. But did you know that Lesbians are at higher risk for developing breast cancer? Did you know that people born male who transition to female (MtF) and take estrogen are also at risk for developing breast cancer? Did you know that people born female who transition to male (FtM) are also at risk for developing breast cancer, even after they have top surgery? Because members of the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender (LGBT) community often don't get the outreach, intervention, and services they need, they are at higher risk for developing breast cancer.

These additional barriers to care include: Discrimination - Anticipated, perceived, or actual discrimination by health care provider based on sexual orientation and/or gender identity. Misinformation - Or inaccurate assumptions about health risks of women who partner with women and the need for screening (both among women who partner with women and providers). Exclusion - Perceived or actual exclusion from health promotion campaigns. Fear - Disclosure of sexual

orientation or gender identity may lead to loss of child custody, job, housing and social support; substandard or refusal of health care; or military discharge. Past Experience - Previous negative encounters with the health care system including: derogatory comments, voyeurism, hostility toward patient or her partner, undue roughness in physical examinations, etc.

Recognizing these additional barriers for the LGBT community, Wingspan, will be hosting an interactive, fun, and informative community forum Thursday, October 24, 7:00 p.m., at Wingspan. This forum will focus on members of the LGBT community and their relationships with their breasts. The forum is free and open to the public. Breast cancer survivors, members of the LGBT community, straight allies, people of color, service providers, students, activists, policy makers, and members of the medical community are strongly encouraged to attend.

The forum will feature a panel of diverse members of the LGBT community who will share their personal feelings and experiences about their own breasts. Think Vagina Monologues, but on a slightly more elevated topic. The panel includes an MtF, an FtM, a butch Lesbian, and two Lesbians who are breast cancer survivors. There will also be a very special screening of LLEGO's (the National Latina/o LGBT Organization) thirteen-minute video, *Autoexamen del seno*. In Spanish with English subtitles, this video features Latina Lesbians sharing their personal experiences, as well as professionals in the medical field, talking about the additional barriers that Latina Lesbians face.

A free reception will follow. For more information, please call Wingspan at (520) 624-1779 or visit the website at [www.wingspanaz.org](http://www.wingspanaz.org).

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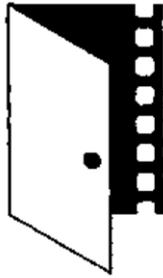
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## Michael Lumpkin and The Celluloid Closet



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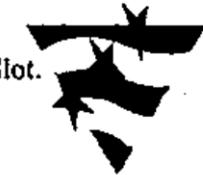


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## POLITICS 2002

by Mark R. Kern

### 'Spoiled Salmon'

A top-secret meeting, taking place in March of this year, was held in the bowels of the Arizona House of Representatives building in Phoenix, between Matt Salmon, the former Republican Member of Congress and current candidate for Governor, and politically active Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender (GLBT) Arizonans. During this hour-plus-long meeting, Salmon was asked where he stands on GLBT issues. He replied that he "wouldn't stray far from his voting record in Congress."

Salmon, served in the U.S. House of Representatives from 1994-2000, the 104<sup>th</sup> through 106<sup>th</sup> Congress, respectively, from Arizona's then Congressional District 1. His voting record paints a very distinct picture, something GLBT Arizonans need to look at before going to the polls and voting in the upcoming general election.

In his first term, in the 104<sup>th</sup> Congress, seven issues, in the form of bills, amendments or motions were dealt with by the U.S. House of Representatives, and Salmon: opposed maintaining federal AIDS prevention programs which provided accurate information about HIV transmission (H.R. 2020); supported repealing at cost health care benefits, and rescinding visitation rights for domestic partners in the District of Columbia (H.R. 2546); opposed increasing funding for the House for People With AIDS (HOPWA) program (H.R. 3666); opposed allowing citizens, or local, county or state governments to decide whether same-sex marriages should be recognized; studying the benefits of marriage and domestic partnership; and, voted for the passage of the Defense of Marriage Act (H.R. 3396). Plus, in addition to his votes, Salmon didn't sign on as a co-sponsor of the Employment Non-Discrimination Act (H.R. 1863), and wouldn't sign-on as a co-sponsor to legislation (H.R. 2959) that would have reversed the law dishonorably discharging military service members who test positive for HIV, and revoking their health insurance. When asked if he would voluntarily adopt a written policy for his congressional office that sexual orientation would not be a factor in employment decisions, Salmon refused.

This pattern continued for Salmon in the 105<sup>th</sup> Congress, when he: supported a federal funding ban for local needle exchange programs (H.R. 3717); voted in favor to prohibit any federal funding to the city of San Francisco, from being used to require private companies and organizations contracting with, or receiving from the city to provide health care benefits to unmarried, domestic partners (H.R. 4194); supported repealing then President Clinton's executive order prohibiting employment discrimination based on sexual orientation in the federal workplace (H.R. 4276); and, supported denying couples that are not related by blood or marriage to adopt in the District of Columbia (H.R. 4380). As in his freshman term, Salmon wouldn't: co-sponsor ENDA, (now H.R. 1858); the Hate Crimes Prevention Act (HCPA), (H.R. 3081); voluntarily adopt the written policy stating that sexual orientation wasn't a factor in employment decisions in his congressional office.

For his third and final term in the 106<sup>th</sup> Congress, Salmon: voted to undermine educational programs designed to prevent hate crimes in public schools by prohibiting the development of material addressing anti Gay violence and prejudice (H.R. 1501); opposed an amendment pro-

hibiting local, county and state governments from enforcing their civil rights law if they infringed on a person's religious beliefs (H.R. 1691); again supported prohibiting joint adoption by couples in the District of Columbia not related by blood or marriage (H.R. 2387); opposed restoring funding to the federal HOPWA program (H.R. 2684); voted in favor of an amendment to derail federal hate crimes legislation, and opposed a Senate amendment to the Department of Defense authorization bill (H.R. 4205); and, supported a federal ban, prohibiting locally-raised funding from being used for a needle exchange program in the District of Columbia (H.R. 4942). As in his first two terms, Salmon wouldn't sponsor ENDA, (now H.R. 2355), or HCPA, (now H.R. 1082), and again, wouldn't voluntarily adopt a written policy, stating that sexual orientation was not a factor in employment decisions in his congressional office.

As Salmon stated in March of this year at the meeting with politically active GLBT Arizonans, he wouldn't be straying far from his Congressional voting record on issues of concern, showing that there isn't a position just to the left of homophobic extremist on the political spectrum.

### AIDSWALK 2002

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prevention work in the community to keep the rate of HIV infection from rising. This has become increasingly difficult as people become complacent about AIDS because they don't think it will affect them or they believe, wrongly, that medications can take care of AIDS. "The medication regimens available today are truly life-saving for many people, but they are not a cure. What's more, the side effects are horrendous, and the cost per person is very high, between \$11,000 and \$24,000 per year," added Maley.

The community will have an opportunity to help fight the AIDS epidemic at the upcoming AIDSWALK 2002 on October 20 at Rillito River Park. Walkers solicit contributions from individual sponsors while also sharing information about HIV/AIDS with their family, friends, and colleagues. Registration materials are available through the AIDSWALK website at [www.aidswalktucson.com](http://www.aidswalktucson.com) or by calling the AIDSWALK Hotline at (520) 791-WALK (9255).

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NEW YORK, NY (GFN) - If same-sex couples ever win the right to marry, some members of the Gay community may discover that many of the "rules" of the marriage road are more attractive when viewed at a safe distance.

Of course, we want the real benefits afforded married couples in the areas of inheritance, property transfers, medical decisions, insurance and taxes, to name just a few. But the benefits have a tangible price many of us will not want to say "I do" to.

In most situations property will be jointly owned regardless of who pays for it. This is the reverse of the presumption that applies to unmarried couples - which has, for some Gay couples, worked to their advantage. So, if the joint ownership idea is less appealing than keeping things separate, couples will have to sign a prenuptial agreement to avoid the joint ownership presumptions of a legal marriage.

In most states, when a married couple breaks up, regardless of who is at fault, each half of a couple gets half of everything accumulated during the marriage - and that can apply to earnings, too.

Currently for Gay couples, property is co-owned only if they have an agreement to that effect, likewise for debts and obligations. Although palimony suits occasionally happen in the Gay world, married couples' spouses are entitled to demand alimony if the marriage doesn't last till "death do us part" - and that's without the need for any explicit contract providing for post-separation support.

Sure, lots of Gay couples dream of a white wedding, but marriage requires a formal legal ceremony, and sometimes the help of a lawyer. Annulling the ceremony or divorcing is invariably a costly affair. Gay couples have had the ease and relative freedom to break up informally, on their own terms: considering how many couples hop in and out of relationships (something common in non-Gay relationships, too), a legalized marriage may not be so practical.

The upside for Gay couples in a legal marriage is a list nearly without end - but a few of the very good reasons to want to marry might include:

Married couples by law have equal rights to raise their children, as well as equal obligations of support. In a divorce, both parents can seek visitation and custody, and if one parent dies, the other one is already in place as the primary legal parent, without fear of any challenge from the state or family members.

Transfers of property upon dissolution of a relationship are tax free for legally married couples, something sadly missing for Gay couples. And with married couples, the surviving spouse typically inherits all the property if the partner dies without a will. Moreover, at death, a bequest from one spouse to another is tax free, regardless of its size.

Absent a legal marriage, a couple needs to sign several agreements to create even a partial framework of protection in the event of death, and many tax benefits are forever denied to unmarried couples.

Marriage can bestow an array of important benefits, including Social Security benefits, health care and nursing home coverage. Marriage may also qualify you for unpaid leave from your job under the Family Leave Act.

Marriage is the only reliable meth-

od of providing a foreign-born partner with the privileges of immigration to the U.S., when he or she doesn't qualify under work or other provisions of the Immigration Act.

There is no question that the legal and personal benefits afforded married couples vastly outweigh "single but living together." But if marriage ever becomes an option for Gay couples, a shift in thinking that takes into account the new responsibilities of marriage will undoubtedly become a new (and welcome) conversation many members of the Gay community will have to have.

### War With Iraq

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The LGBT community in the United States has abandoned its roots. When national Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender organizations fail to voice their opposition to government policies that clearly impact the lives of so many queer people in this country, our movement has failed. When we as a community cannot join together and ally with the wider progressive movement, a movement that so many of our elders came from, we have collectively failed and have lost our battle for freedom and liberation.

The war on Iraq IS a queer issue, not only because it will affect LGBT people in the military, an item high on our "Gay agenda," but also because it will take away from social welfare programs that we as a community rely on the most, and because it will impact each and every one of our lives.

The great Martin Luther King Jr. once said, "A nation that continues year after year to spend more money on military defense than on programs of social uplift is approaching spiritual death."

Let us embrace the dream of Martin Luther King Jr. who envisioned a world where human beings lived side by side in peace and harmony without death and destruction at our doorstep each and every day. Let us envision a society that invests in its people, ensuring them their basic human rights - to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

The answer is not war. The answer lies in building and promoting social, civic, and governmental institutions that promote peace and tolerance. That is the only answer if we are to see social, racial, economic, gender, and sexual justice ultimately prevail. That is the only answer if we truly want to see the liberation of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender people in this country and around the world.

I urge all of us to stand up today and join the fight! Join the struggle for liberation and freedom, and let our government know that war is not the answer to the struggles that our world faces. Our destiny is ultimately doomed if we let anger, hatred and prejudice, all of which are rooted in war, take over.

The alternative to war is rooted in our hearts, our souls and in our minds. Are we that afraid to delve deep inside and search for the truth?

[Faisal Alant is a 25-year old queer-identified Muslim of Pakistani descent. He is the founder and director of Al-Fatihah, an international organization dedicated to Muslims who are Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender (LGBT). Faisal has been an activist for almost 10 years, first in the mainstream Muslim community, and now in the LGBT movement. He is currently active in LGBT faith-based organizing, human rights work, immigration and asylum rights, and queer youth organizing. Faisal lives in Washington, DC, and works in the field of HIV/AIDS.]

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## G&L Medical Association Slams Bush

SAN FRANCISCO, CA - The Gay and Lesbian Medical Association has charged the Bush administration with the systematic dismantling of any and all health care programs targeted at Gay and Lesbian Americans.

blunt "We are witnessing what appears to be an increasingly concerted effort to undo what little has been done in health care on behalf of LGBT people," she said.

"We are witnessing a mass marginalization of the health care of an already vulnerable population," said GLMA President Christopher Harris, MD. "The administration has reneged on promised support, censored health information, and pushed health programs that render Gays and Lesbians non-entities."

O'Leary notes that health care goals contained in the federal government's Healthy People 2010 report state it is committed to eliminating disparities in access to health care based on gender, race or ethnicity, education or income, disability, geographic location, or sexual orientation. The new Strategic Plan HHS is submitting to Congress includes all of those disparities, except sexual orientation.

Harris noted the refusal of the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) to fund the distribution of a comprehensive federal document on the state of LGBT health and said it later reneged on a promise to underwrite a portion of "Healing Works," a two-day conference on Lesbian health issues.

She adds that the administration's determination to fund faith-based organizations for the delivery of health care and social services means that federal money will likely go to some religious groups that are openly hostile to LGBT people.

"If that were all," Harris continued, "perhaps we could consider it a matter of budget priorities. But when coupled with other, more overt actions, such as removing condom information from CDC web sites that provide HIV/AIDS information and suddenly targeting groups promoting safe sex for men who have sex with men, we have to be concerned."

"The administration is funding and pushing 'abstinence until marriage' programs that not only have been proven to be less effective," says O'Leary, "but mock Gay and Lesbian youth who, of course, are not permitted by law to marry."

GLMA Executive Director Maureen O'Leary's assessment was even more

"I would expect that our membership is comprised of health professionals who have a broad range of political beliefs," Harris said. "But I cannot imagine that any of our members would find the administration's apparent level of disdain for the health of LGBT people acceptable."

## Arizona Human Rights Fund October Update

PHOENIX - The statewide Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender (GLBT) rights organization, the Arizona Human Rights Fund (AHRF), is hosting a garden party, at 4525 North Dromedary, Wednesday, October 23, 5:00 to 7:30 p.m., for Senator Joseph Leiberman, D-CT.

change it, and what you can do with legal documents in the meantime. Protect your partner by completing legal documents such as wills, powers of attorney, medical and mental health care directives. Hand-outs will be provided. ...

This event is to support the Arizona Human Rights Fund efforts to elect pro-civil rights and pro-choice candidates in Arizona. Minimum Donation is \$200.00. If you have not received your invitation, contact Kirsten, (602) 650.0900 for more details. Gifts to the AHRFund and PAC are not tax-deductible. ...

Freedom Party at Steele Indian School Park, Sunday, October 27, 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. Fight for Your Rights By Voting in the General Election. Bring your ballot or voter registration card to get into the party for free. Entertainment by the Diva Band, Women In Tune and others. Beer, soda, snacks will be provided.

To Have and To Hold - Learn about what you need to protect your relationship, will be held Thursday, October 24, at Shadow Rock Congregational Church, 12861 North 8th Avenue, in Phoenix, and Tuesday, October 29, at Unitarian Universalist Church, 17540 North Avenue of the Arts, in Surprise.

For more information about these and other events, call AHRF, (602) 650-0900, or visit the website, www.ahr.org.



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**WHAT MAKES OUR TOWN TICK?**

(calabazamusic@yahoo.com)

By Jerry D.

**'Pride In A Relaxed Mode'**

Hello readers! I hope everyone had a good pride weekend in the Old Pueblo. Its amazing to believe that the picnic we look forward to each year was not a reality not too long ago. The beginnings of the celebration are like any other event in this country. Word of mouth and coverage have turned it into a mainstream part of our city. We get visitors from far and wide who get the luxury of a Pride Picnic in a month where most folks are getting ready for the first frost of the year. Just one more reason we are a jewel in the desert and should stand proud for all to see.

For every person who braved the sun and warmth last Saturday, there was someone who did not take part in the festivities. I happen to be one of those people. Now I am not looking for a pity article here, I chose to not attend this year's celebration at Reid Park. Yes there were folks who had to work, or tend to matters that kept them from being there. My group was not as large, but yet noticeable as I visited The Yard Dog on Saturday afternoon.

I went there to cover a dart tournament between our sister bar up north (it sounds funnier than it reads) Apollo's and the Yard Dog's dart crew (you guys need a catchy name, if you haven't gotten one already). I ran into folks who chose not to go to the Pride Celebration. Their reasons were as varied as their personalities. From the cost being a factor, to the dreaded Street Fair fear (everything is going to look just

like last year), some of our BLGT community took it easy on Saturday.

I was in a somber mood Saturday, and I am using that reason for not attending. I had to wave goodbye to one of my best friends since coming to Tucson. She has moved back to her hometown near Chicago, although we will always have a home for her here in the Old Pueblo. My friend would have been with us at the park Saturday. I know she would have. I know we would have had a blast walking around, seeing all the faces and getting the hugs and kisses we love to receive.

It would have been different if we were there without her, so I chose not to go. I celebrated Pride in a private sense, as I did not have to come out to anyone this year (I think a first). I admire the luxury of choice in this town. We don't have to attend every event, and yet still know that it is there for us. Maybe next year I can be there.

In the meantime Sunday was enjoyed with yet one more attraction in our city. The Yard Dog Jazz Duo is now playing every Sunday afternoon, with a bar-b-que dinner available also. Those of you who don't want anything in the wild and loud circuit (not to say that being loud is not fun), could listen to some awesome jazz and have a good meal in the comfort of the patio at The Yard Dog. I thought it fitting to end my Pride Weekend as laid back as I started it. Have a great week!

**Wingspan Volunteer Orientation Oct. 19**

TUCSON - Are you interested in learning more about the history of Southern Arizona's Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Community Center? Were you inspired by Kevin Jennings's speech at the Wingspan Benefit Dinner, and want to help people in your own LGBT community? Here's your chance!

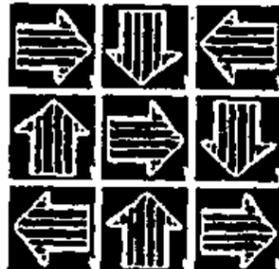
Wingspan will hold a free Volunteer Orientation on Saturday, October 19, from 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. This orientation is open to anyone interested in learning more about Wingspan, and the opportunities to volunteer at your community center.

Wingspan is especially seeking qualified people to join our team of volunteers who help staff the front desk, library, and administrative office. Volunteering at the front desk is a particularly great opportunity to meet lots of interesting people and stay connected with what is happening in Tucson's vibrant LGBT community. Other opportunities to volunteer include the Domestic Violence Project, special events, and to help maintain Wingspan's extensive lending library.

Training sessions specific to the Front Desk position will also be held on October 22 and 29, from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00

p.m. each night. These trainings will help Front Desk volunteers develop active listening and basic crisis intervention skills, and enable volunteers to provide community resource information to people who call or come into the center. These two sessions are cumulative, and participants are expected to attend both sessions. Additional "on-the-job" training can begin any time. Potential Front Desk volunteers must complete an application and interview before the Orientation on the 19th.

For more information and an application, please contact Wingspan's Volunteer Programs Coordinator, Mark English, at (520) 624-1779 or mark@wingspanaz.org. Wingspan volunteer opportunities and services are open to people of any sexual orientation and gender identity. Internship opportunities are also available.



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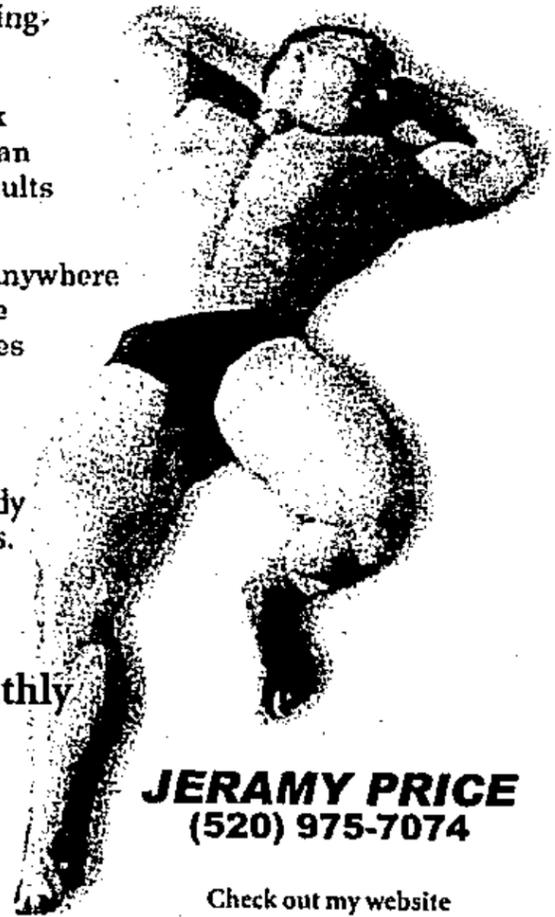
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# Legal And Fiscal Woes Try Gay Media Chain

WASHINGTON, DC - Despite rumors circulating about its impending demise, Window Media, the largest Gay and Lesbian newspaper chain in the nation, insists it is financially stable and moving forward, even in a slow economy, reported the [Gay.com/PlanetOut.com](http://Gay.com/PlanetOut.com) network.

"The status (of Window Media) is good," said William Waybourn, CEO of the five-year-old company that owns the Washington Blade and Southern Voice. "We're dealing with the same issues as everyone else in media."

A slowing economy and falling advertising revenues during 2001 hit the Gay and Lesbian media particularly hard.

A defaulted loan and a contentious lawsuit have also beleaguered Window Media this year.

The company is battling a suit filed by Don Michaels and James Lamont, the former owners of two Window Media newspapers, the Washington Blade and New York Blade News. The suit, filed in August, alleges that Window Media violated the purchase agreement when it defaulted on a bank loan and ceased making payments to the sellers.

According to court documents, defaulting on the loan triggered a payment acceleration of monies owed under a non-compete and confidentiality agreement. It also gives Michaels, Lamont and former Washington Blade editor Lisa Keen priority as the first lien holders to all of the defendant's assets.

"We are interested in following

through on the lawsuit," Michaels said.

The suit indicates that Window Media paid the plaintiffs and Keen \$1,147,893.80 when the sale closed in 2001. The company also agreed to pay them an additional \$900,000 between 2002 and 2008. On top of that, the three sellers signed non-compete and confidentiality agreements that entitled them to \$781,200 to be made in monthly payments between 2001 and 2008. Window Media owes Michaels and Lamont \$338,512, according to court documents.

Keen is not party to the lawsuit, though she stopped receiving monthly payments in March.

"I know about the suit, but I am not involved," she said, refusing comment on the amount of money she is owed.

Waybourn said no violation of the sales agreement occurred. Silicon Valley Bank has an inter-creditor agreement with the sellers, he said. That agreement allows the bank to determine who gets paid first.

"The bank has a right to put them on hold," Waybourn said. "And, I don't blame the sellers for being upset, because I would be, too, if I was in that position. But it is something that, back when it was agreed to, no one ever thought would happen."

The California-based bank loaned Window Media \$1.9 million in cash to finance the sale of the Blades. The bank informed Window Media in February that the loan was in default.

In March, Window Media sent letters to Michaels, Lamont and Keen informing them that they would not make further loan payments.

Court documents said that Window Media notified the plaintiffs and Keen that it would not honor its obligation to make payments on the two promissory notes or the non-compete and confidentiality agreements "by virtue of its default to the bank."

Window Media also claims that because of the bank default, it is no longer obligated to pay the plaintiffs and Keen. It further claims it is entitled to a \$428,350 adjustment of the original purchase price, a point Michaels and Lamont contest.

David Schreiber, the lawyer representing Michaels and Lamont said the case could be resolved quickly because the issues in question are legal issues. He said there is a motion hearing on Nov. 9, but the case will not be decided for a matter of months.

As the parent company of the Southern Voice, the Washington Blade, New York Blade News, Houston Voice and Eclipse magazine, Window Media reaches over 385,000 people in five distinct markets.

"We're big boys," Window Media executive editor Chris Crain said, responding to the rumors of the end of the company he built. "We publish dozens of stories each week about the successes and failures of Gay businesses," he said. "This rumor (about Window Media's possible bankruptcy) didn't leave me shaking in the corner."

Window Media has seen a 12 percent increase in advertising revenue during the last year, its overall circulation is growing and there are plans to acquire other papers in other cities. It cut staff, closed Impact in New Orleans and has shelved many projects after acquiring the Blades, but the company insists the worst is over.

"We're coasting along, but we are not burning up cash anymore," Waybourn said.

Both Crain and Waybourn say time will show that Window Media is a strong company with plans to improve the access to and coverage of Gay and Lesbian news across the nation.

"Time will prove our detractors wrong," Waybourn added.

## Gay Psychiatrist Appeals Air Force Bills

SAN FRANCISCO, CA - A Gay psychiatrist ordered to repay the U.S. Air Force \$71,000 for his education argued to an appeals court that he doesn't owe the government anything and that the military's policy is discriminatory.

John Hensala, 38, attended medical school at Northwestern University, served his three-year residency at Yale University, and received a two-year fellowship at the University of California, San Francisco—all with the understanding that, in exchange, he owed the Air Force four years of active-duty service. Shortly before he began his service, he announced that he is Gay. The Air Force promptly discharged him and demanded its money back, saying Hensala voluntarily failed to complete his service commitment. In June 2001, a federal judge ruled in the Air Force's favor, dismissing the case.

Ray Hawken, a Department of Justice lawyer arguing for the Air Force, told a three-judge panel of the ninth circuit U.S. court of appeals that an internal investigation revealed that Hensala intentionally disclosed his homosexuality solely to avoid military service. "This is not an unsophisticated plaintiff," Hawken said in court. "He himself concedes he was aware of the 'don't ask, don't tell' policy."

But Hensala's lawyer, Clyde Wadsworth, argued that when Hensala came out in 1994, the military's policy was untested. "When he disclosed, the policy was new, and there was a lot of discussion in the media that it wouldn't be upheld," Wadsworth told the judges. "You have to understand this in terms of what he knew at the time, rather than 10 years later."

The judges peppered both lawyers with questions during their 20-minute arguments. They were particularly interested in learning what Hensala knew about Air Force policy and when he knew it. Judge Richard Paez asked the government's lawyer, "Did he have knowledge that if he made these statements [announcing his homosexuality] that that would be considered a voluntary separation, hence making him responsible for repayment? Defying the 'don't ask, don't tell' policy" was the "functional equivalent of a voluntary separation," Hawken said. Hensala has contended all along he was willing to serve but that the Air Force simply refused to allow that. The judges have no deadline to make a decision.

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**GENDER PRIDE** BY JONI K. MAUSSE

Outoberfest brought some of the best drag shows I've ever seen in Tucson. Our lovely queens appeared twice on each of the two stages. Everyone turned out to watch, Lesbians as well as Gay men, and the dollars bills flowed freely. If I had to choose I'd say Ajia, our granny-queen, had me laughing the hardest.

Earlier, just before noon, Boys 'R Us, our new resident drag king troupe, made their debut on the community stage. They too were hilarious, especially during "Grease," their final number, when the entire troupe took the stage as a crew of hot rod mechanics. Unfortunately people in the audience were still trickling in at that point. Joni would like to know why Queer people can't get out of bed before noon on Saturday. There were also two great performances by Desert Voices in the morning, which most people missed.

Even given the sparse morning crowd, the kings weren't tipped nearly as much as the queens were later. Considering the hard work they did to put on a riotous show, I think we could have been more generous with our dollar bills, now that the boot is on the other foot. Think: "Drag king, it's not just a Lesbian thing."

Special thanks to the trans-angels who helped staff the SAGA booth. It was a long day, especially since we weren't al-

lowed to bring our own food and water. I suspect that policy had less to do with security than trying to subsidize the food vendors. I smuggled my lunch in my bra, and I was looking for a drag king or two to help sneak in a few water bottles when I heard that the powers that be had relaxed the policy regarding water, just in time to prevent mass dehydration.

Honored as I am to be part of the T in GLBT, I wonder what's happened to the "B." Even Las Cruces has a Bi-network; what about Tucson? There was no D/S booth Saturday either, so far as I could see; only a few wandering dominatrix. And some ambitious person might consider doing outreach to the polyfidelity people, who seem to be getting alternately persecuted or ignored these days. "Pride: It's not just a Gay thing," Joni's corollary says "There are many ways of being Queer, and they all deserve to be honored."

Don't miss the Mr. and Miss Gay Teen Pageant on Saturday October 26, at 5:30 p.m. at the Muse. Call (520) 620-62-45 for ticket info. If you're under 24, you could even be a contestant. Otherwise, get ready for some fun. Unless you prefer to sweat and suffer at the all-gender sweat lodge that day: write eaglebear-boyd@aol.com for info on that. As always, you can reach me at jonikmausse@yahoo.com.

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El SIDA y yo estamos peleados, no nos queremos, es más, nos odiamos. La única razón de mi vida es detener a un virus que se llama Virus de Inmunodeficiencia Humana para que no entre en tu cuerpo y después haga estragos hasta causarte la muerte. Esa es toda mi función. La composición de mi materia esta diseñada para eso ya que estoy hecho de latex, o de hule para que me entiendan. Mi material no

permiten que ningún virus entre al cuerpo a no ser de que no me usen bien y me pueda morir antes de cumplir con mi función. Siempre tiene que sacar el aire que se quiere quedar conmigo y deben de ponerme en un pene bien erecto. Hay algunas personas que no saben que yo tampoco me llevo con lubricantes de aceite. Esos lubricantes me pueden herir de gravedad y no resistir la fricción que existe cuando estoy trabajando. Porque eso sí, trabajo muy duro, bueno eso más bien depende de que tanto aguante el que me está usando. Así que cuidado, si me quieres usar bien, no me untes aceite para bebe, vaselina o ese tipo de materiales que odio con odio jarocho. Si quieres que trabaje bien, úsame con lubricante de agua ya que juntos podemos evitarte muchos problemas y aparte hacer que goees el momento.

Aquí en los Estados Unidos, soy muy accesible y pese a eso, muchos de mis compañeros condones se quedan sin ser usados durante su tiempo de vida y terminan en un bote de basura sin haber explorado profundidades. En muchos de los bares de ambiente hasta me regalan. Otra de mis cualidades es que vengo en muchos colores, sabores y texturas. Soy rojo como la pasión, verde como la naturaleza, violeta como el misticismo, rosita pensado en ti, azul como el cielo que nos espera, amarillo como los huevos de gallina y blanco como la leche que almaceno. En sabores estoy presentable en menta, fresa, piña colada, plátano, y espero muy pronto en sabor a chile para hacer una buena combinación con el órgano que me viste. Hay algunos presumidos que no me quieren usar porque dizque no soy de su tamaño. Esos pendientes no van conmigo ya que mi material se estira y puedo quedarle hasta a la de un burro de verdad. Recuerda, soy el condón y estoy para servirte, úsame como usas el cinturón de seguridad cuando vas a toda velocidad en tu carro y sabes que en cualquier descuido se te puede ir la vida.

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**NOTES FROM THE FOR-REAL SIDE**  
by Lee France

**Fall At TMA**

The fall offerings at the Tucson Museum of Art include paintings, installations and sculpture by Mayme Kratz, videos and photos by Carol Flax, some leftovers from the summer shows and some new stuff from the permanent collection.

The big show is Kratz's and one hesitates to give it an overall characterization because it's so uneven, ranging from very provocative to banal.

There was one Kratz installation that haunted me the day after I'd seen it, always a sign that something important might be going on. "Forest 2001" is a collection of skinny clear tubes hung from the ceiling and containing various organic materials that appear to be suspended in a clear liquid. Rather dim lighting from above makes the tubes seem to glow. The considerable drama of the piece might be enhanced by giving it even less light.

The installation almost invites the viewer to walk into it, to move between and among the hanging tubes. For those of us who have trouble drawing the line between the permitted and the forbidden until they snap the cuffs on, this possible invitation presents a minor dilemma. I can only report that at least one of the museum guards did not object to an intrusive inspection.

Most of the Kratz exhibit consists of works that look like they were made by painting a square panel, setting some organic material on it - wings, bones, feathers, seeds, pods - and then covering the whole panel with clear resin. Procedures similar to this could be done with infinite variations, some interesting some not. While her palette for the wall hangings tends to the dark side, her installations are generally bright.

The entire Kratz show contains a very clear and loud lesson for budding artists. It's possible, even easy, to divide most of the pieces into two groups, those that were fully thought out before they were executed and those that enjoyed a dialogue with the artist while they were being created. "I Live My Life" is an example of the former. "I Arrive from Places Unspeakeable" is a good example of the latter. It should be noted that the work without dialogue is dead. Works that are strong enough to talk back to the artist are always more interesting, now and forever amen.

Carol Flax's videos raise the same question that all video installations raise: How long do we have to stand and look at this thing before we can safely dismiss it as the drivel that it initially appears to be?

There is a video wall of talking mouths. They are not very diverse and not one of them is at all attractive. You can only hear one voice, so I'm sure that some viewers can amuse themselves by trying to match the one voice with one of the many mouths. Others are not that easily amused. Not by a long shot.

The high point of my museum experience this time was the discovery of a Jim Waid from the permanent collection that I'd never seen before. Like most Tucson art buffs, I'm a Waid fanatic and such discoveries are big deals.

The work was "Trout Creek," a small polychrome monoprint from 1979. It has the same extremely watery feeling of Monet's "Waterlilies," but this piece is

abstract and perhaps a bit more tranquil. The composition is enticing and much less solid than is usual in a Waid, a trout creek with one paw hanging in the air a little. The colors are both rich and disciplined. They seem to say, "We could come on much stronger if we felt like it." The print conveys a strong oriental feel, but extensive historical analysis has to date failed to isolate its exact source.

It also seems a very mature work, exuding confidence and mastery. The artist would have been only about 37 when he did it, but artists mature at different rates.

I don't have an open mind about video installations, so there may be more to Flax's stuff than met these eyes. Both Kratz and Flax are up until December 1. Sundays admission is free.

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

**WDVP To Offer Domestic Violence Training**

TUCSON - The Wingspan Domestic Violence Project (WDVP) will hold a free training for new volunteers, social service providers, students, and anyone else interested in learning more about domestic violence and the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender community.

The WDVP is the only organization in Arizona that provides 24-hour services and outreach specifically to Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender (LGBT) victim/survivors of domestic violence. There are only about a dozen similar programs nationwide.

The trainings will be held on October 17, 22, 29, and 30, from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., each night. The trainings are cumulative. Participants are expected to attend all four sessions. You must submit a completed application before the training.

After completing the training, you will be ready to serve as a volunteer advocate for the WDVP. As an advocate, you will carry a cell phone and be on-call just one night a month to provide phone support and information and referral services to people who call the Wingspan Domestic Violence Project 24-hour crisis line. You will never have direct contact with clients. You can still sleep and go out-if the cell phone rings, you just answer it.

If you'd like, you can attend the training and not volunteer for the WDVP. Everyone will receive a certificate of attendance. For more information or to register, please contact Wingspan's Volunteer Programs Coordinator, Mark English, by Monday, October 14 at (520) 624-1779 or mark@wingspanaz.org. Wingspan volunteer opportunities and services are open to people of any sexual orientation and gender identity. Internship opportunities are also available. The number for the Wingspan Domestic Violence Project 24-hour Crisis Line is (520) 624-0348, or toll free (outside of Tucson) at (800) 553-WDVP (9387).

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**LIBRA**  
**SEPTEMBER 24 - OCTOBER 23**  
Travel plans have the potential to lead you to new mystical places when Mars squares retrograding Saturn. If you hanker to see the world, strike out and seek new paths now. Search for your personal guru or someone who provides you with inner light. By the way, Mars can't stand secrets so expect a few carefully hidden secrets to explode into the light. Peekaboo, dear queer Libral!

**ARIES**  
**MARCH 21 - APRIL 20**  
Are you pushing your personal manifesto, Gay Ram? Words take on a life of their own and can upend your working conditions. The ends do not justify the means, comrade; Mars squares retro Saturn and makes your petty revolution rather bourgeois. Why not redirect this energy into something more worthwhile? Proudly go Out and score a point or two where it really counts.

**TAURUS**  
**APRIL 21 - MAY 21**  
Fun is too pricey during the Mars / retro Saturn square. Money arrives through investments but hold on tight! Watch your wallet, particularly when it comes to entertainment expenses. Also, don't gamble. Queer Bulls have no idea when too much is enough and may win big one minute and lose big the next. Of course, if you wind up winning the lottery, ignore my advice.

**GEMINI**  
**MAY 22 - JUNE 21**  
You are caught with your pants down (you lucky thing) when Mars squares retro Saturn. Pink Twins are thrust into the spotlight whether they like it or not and your home life will never be the same. Try to take it all in stride cousin and try to find the balance in your public and private persona. You don't want to become fodder for the Page 6 paparazzi do you? Or do you??

**CANCER**  
**JUNE 22 - JULY 23**  
Flex your imagination and let it lead you to some of the most creative writing you've ever done. But remember to keep a sense of humor and a stable perspective when rambunctious Mars squares retro Saturn. Pink Crabs can communicate with surprising impact so plan your course of action carefully, weigh your words and check your facts. Then, rage from a soapbox!

**LEO**  
**JULY 24 - AUGUST 23**  
If friends in need turn out to need an awful lot, blame it on the feisty Mars / retro Saturn square which places social commitments below the bottom line. Financial surprises result from needy social groups and hapless pals. Proud Leos must watch their pennies so social commitments will not wind up getting the best of them. Save the best for a well endowed advisor. Ahem.

**VIRGO**  
**AUGUST 24 - SEPTEMBER 23**  
Mars squares retro Saturn and impacts your very appearance. You yearn to discover the true path to success and may decide to alter your persona rather dramatically. Don't bite from that poisoned apple cousin! Gay Virgos are not the most flamboyant folks, but maybe it's time to toss on a wildc too, too tight leather outfit to prove the astrological experts wrong. Whoo Hoo!

**SCORPIO**  
**OCTOBER 24 - NOVEMBER 22**  
Friends could dampen your sexcapades if the Mars' square to retrograding Saturn has its way. This transit turns up the heat but can unexpectedly confound friendships and social group goals. It can be a warning to more clearly separate the platonic from the passionate so no one's feelings get hurt. Proud Scorps may clench their teeth in order to feel part of the group. Is it worth it? Nah!

**SAGITTARIUS**  
**NOVEMBER 23 - DECEMBER 22**  
Expect to experience firsthand the subtle balance between relationships and career needs during the Mars / retro Saturn square. Your gangbuster surge forward to cement partnerships could pose an unusual and surprising professional dilemma. Queer Archers are absolutely directioned now, so there may be no purpose in warning you. Just make sure it's worth it in the long run.

**CAPRICORN**  
**DECEMBER 23 - JANUARY 20**  
Work or travel? Dear queer Cap, you cannot have both at this time. The Mars / retro Saturn square tosses travel plans out the window or makes your trip so wildly unpleasant or unmanageable that you'll pine for the good old days toiling back in the salt mines. Don't fret, Mars gives you gobs of exploitable energy. What you can't achieve abroad, you'll accomplish closer to home.

**AQUARIUS**  
**JANUARY 21 - FEBRUARY 19**  
Is it possible to have too much fun? Mars' fandango with retrograding Saturn is sure to stir up a few hot embers of passion in order to singe your favorite bedsheets. In fact, feisty Mars turns up the temperature in many hot areas. Aquarians just have to decide if they are going to attend every party they possibly can or whether they are able to amuse themselves with tamer pastimes.

**PISCES**  
**FEBRUARY 20 - MARCH 20**  
Expect a tradeoff between the sanctity of your home and demands of partners. Will you push ahead with your own domestic plans or give partners a vote? The Mars / Saturn square may upset the applecart here and if you insist on being a petty dictator or a sulking diva, you may find that your home becomes your empty castle. Remember, the cheese stands alone. Don't be cheesy, Guppie.

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Dear Dr. X,

A man I'm sort of related to (my stepfather's brother) propositioned me! He's only about 6 years older than I am (I'm 21.) I think I'm in love with him! Do I go for it?

Family Affair

Dear Family Affair,

Do you realize this man is your mother's husband's brother? Can you imagine all the problems that could arise from this situation? I have some knowledge about this kind of situation...I saw it on a soap opera! I understand that this person is not a blood relative and if you met him under different circumstances it would be great. I don't know how supportive your mother and stepfather are of your Gayness. You are old enough to make your own decisions in life but you need to weigh the good and the bad. Have you thought of things such as a bad break-up? Would your parents take sides?

Would it affect your mother's marriage? Would you be able to handle seeing him and his new boyfriend at family functions? That being said, if this is something you are going to pursue you need to talk to your mother and stepfather to sort all this out beforehand.

P.S. The guy in the soap opera ended up an orphaned coma patient without a boyfriend! Watch Out.

Dear Dr. X,

My company recently hired one of the sexiest men I have ever seen, and he has been paired with me so I can show him the ropes. Needless to say I couldn't look him

**Americans Think 1-in-5 Are Gay Poll Says**

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Census, we're seeing a growing desire to arrive at a more representative number," she said.

While Renna said the estimates given to Gallup were "clearly not" accurate in terms of the Gay and Lesbian community's actual size, they did reflect a growing public awareness about the Gay community's place in society.

"People are getting to know real Gay men and Lesbians as we come out in our communities and as the media more accurately represent us," Renna said. "This number is a guess - but a much more informed guess than the public has been able to make in the past."

"The Gallup numbers will certainly spur more debate and discussion," Renna continued, "but the important message is that no matter what the numbers say, we are deserving of equal treatment and civil rights protections."

Over the 25 years that the Gallup Organization has monitored public opinion of Gays and Lesbians, they have found a continual rise in public acceptance of the LGBT community.

in the eye or even speak to him. For all I know he must have thought I was weird. I am out at work and someone told him I was Gay. I asked him if he had a problem with me being Gay. He said he didn't care and now knew why I couldn't look him in the eye or mumbled when I talked. I confessed to him that I thought he was hot. He said he was flattered, but not interested. He is the biggest flirt I have ever met. What do I do? I know I'm going to get fired for sexually molesting this man before long.

Signed, In Heat

Dear In Heat,

I've said it before and I'll say it again. Workplace romances or sex with a co-worker is a big no-no! As for this man, consider yourself lucky to be looking at, I mean working with him everyday. You are also lucky to be in a situation where you can flirt and be your Gay self around him. Your situation could be a lot worse. I would hope you're not that hard-up for sex that molesting this man is going to help you. You are going to have to live with the fact that this sexy, non-judgmental, open-minded, flirty, straight, co-worker is just going to be your friend. p.s. can you send me a picture?

[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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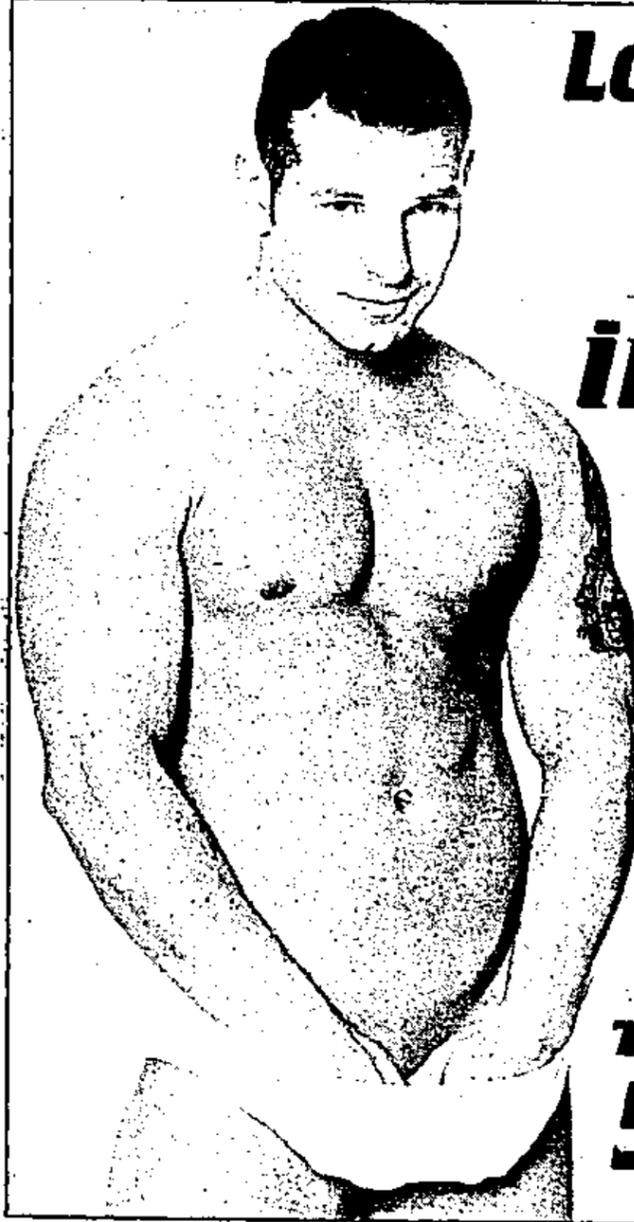
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## WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 16

#1. Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 6:30 p.m. T. Jay hosts a Dinner Out at Garcia's-a good Mexican restaurant located at the old train downtown train station. For reservations and direction, please contact T. Jay at 881-7919.

#2. Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. The Canasta Club meets to play this fun card game. If you don't know how to play, we'll teach you. For directions and reservations, please call Karl at 744-9017.

Tucson Prime Timers Video Night - 7:00 P.M. Non pornographic movies with Gay themes are shown. Phone: 740-0620 - David Eyde

## THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17

Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 6:00 p.m. In support of Sweet Tomatoes donating 20% of their profits on each dinner to each patron with a "Fun-Raiser" flyer, we're out to dinner to help raise money for SAAF. Please contact the Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation for details.

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

## FRIDAY, OCTOBER 18

Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. Join Bruce as he hosts Pizza Night. For only \$5, you get pizza, salad, drinks and desserts. For reservations and directions, please call Bruce at 743-3890.

## SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19

#1. Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 a.m. Join the men for another Birding Expedition to Las Cielegas. For reservations and details, please call Gene at 625-8109.

#2. 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.

#3. Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. David & Dan 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 Dan or David at 579-9763.

#4. Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. Bill hosts the continuing saga of the Fisher family in "Six Feet Under". For reservations and directions, please call Bill at 546-7539.

Tucson Prime Timers Lunch/Business Meeting - 12:00 Noon Home Town Buffet, 5101 N. Oracle Rd., N. of River Rd. Phone: 622-1835

Tucson Prime Timers Food & Drinks - 5:00 P.M. Woody's, 3710 N. Oracle Rd., N. of Oracle Rd.

## SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20

AIDSWALK 2002 - Bigger and bigger each year, 4,000 walkers expected this year raising money for the Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation (SAAF). Every dollar raised by walkers will enable SAAF to provide critical services to people living with HIV/AIDS and their families and deliver important prevention education programs to our community. Ruffalo River Park, One block South of River Road on 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue. Call 791-9255 to learn how you can still participate in AIDSWALK 2002.

#1. Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 10:00 a.m. The men of MSN will participate in the annual AIDSWALK to raise money for SAAF. If you'd like to take part, or make a donation, please call Bill at 297-3569.

#2. Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 12:30 p.m. Lloyd hosts his semi-annual lunch at the Tanque Verde Guest Ranch. The \$16.00 is needed in advance, but there may be a cancellation, so call for details at 792-8537.

## MONDAY, OCTOBER 21

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

Tucson Prime Timers Lunch - 1:00 P.M. The Wildcat House, 1800 N. Stone Ave., S. of Grant Rd.

## TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22

#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 Karl'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 Karl at 744-9017.

## WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 23

Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. The Canasta Club meets to play this fun card game. If you don't know how to play, we'll teach you. For directions and reservations, please call Bill at 297-3560.

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# Bar Calendar

Of Upcoming Events

## WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 16

IBT'S - 9:00 P.M. "DivaLicious" Show hosted by Lucinda Holiday and starring Adrienne Alexander, Janee Starr and Terri Aki.

## THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17

VENTURE-N - It's the big "Mortgage Burning Party" along with the regular Steak Night 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. The party goes on all evening. Come by and watch Jim burn that Mortgage!!

## SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20

IBT'S - Party line-up includes Sean's Recovery Bar from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. \$1.50 Bloody Marys, Screwdrivers or Mimosas. Karaoke Party with Michael D. 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 Reveille Gay Men's Chorus. Then at 9:00 p.m. it's "Puttin' on the Lips" Lipsync contest hosted by Janee Starr. \$50 first prize.

YARD DOG - It's live jazz and dinner every Sunday 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. The Yard Dog Jazz Duo will be performing on the patio. Plus - Food is being served from 5:00 p.m. until it runs out. So check it out!

## WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 23

IBT'S - "DivaLicious Show" hosted by Lucinda Holiday. (It's also Lucinda's Birthday Party - Gifts accepted). The show stars Chantelle Douglas, Samantha White and, from Phoenix, Angela Dodd.

## THURSDAY, OCTOBER 31 - HALLOWEEN

IBT'S - Mark your calendars for IBT's annual Black and White Halloween Costumes Party. More later!!!

## THURSDAY, OCTOBER 24

Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 11:00 a.m. Join the guys for a Lunch Out at the Casino of the Sun. After lunch, head out to the gaming area and take your chances if you're so inclined. For details or directions, please call Jerry or Les at 690-9565.

Tucson Prime Timers Dinner - 6 PM DaVinci's Italian Restaurant, 3535 E. Fl Lowell Rd.

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

## FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25

An evening with Michael Lumpkin and the screening of his landmark film "The celluloid Closet" at 7:00 p.m. at the Tucson-Pima Public Library / Main Library / 101 N. Stone Ave. Free admission and free parking in the Main Library Garage. Contact Wingspan 624-1779 or online at wingspanaz.org for more information.

#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. Jerry & Les host the continuing saga of the Fisher family in "Six Feet Under". For reservations and directions, please call Jerry or Les at 690-9565.

## SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26

#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. Marv 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 Marv at 745-0304.

Tucson Prime Timers Food & Drinks - 5:00 P.M. Woody's, 3710 N. Oracle Rd., N. of Prince Rd.

## SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27

Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 2:00 p.m. Flavio and Sterling host a Pool Party from 2-5. For reservations and directions, please call Sterling at 232-9069.

## MONDAY, OCTOBER 28

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

Tucson Prime Timers Lunch - 1:00 P.M. The Wildcat House, 1800 N. Stone Ave., S. of Grant Rd.

## TUESDAY, OCTOBER 29

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.

## WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 30

Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. The Canasta Club meets to play this fun card game. If you don't know how to play, we'll teach you. For directions and reservations, please call Marv at 745-0304.

Tucson Prime Timers Video Night - 7:00 P.M. Non pornographic movies with Gay themes are shown. Phone: 740-0620 - David Eyde

# Daily Bar Calendar

## Sunday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - Open 2pm. Beer Bust 5-10, \$1.25 pitchers Bud or Bud Light. Latin Music with DJ Hal 9pm to close. Drink & Shot specials all night.

IBT's - 10am-8pm \$1.75 Bloody's, Screws or Mimosas. Benefit B-B-Q and Beer Bust for community organizations 5:30-8pm. Karaoke with Michael D. 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.

VENTURE-N-Open 10am. Patio open 3pm. Daily special til 7pm. Pato Beer bust 3-7. Burger Bar-B-Que 5-7. (Donation only).

WOODY'S - Open 11am. \$1.50 Bloody Marys, screwdrivers, Mimosas; Happy Hour 11am-8pm \$2 well or domestic beer Pato Bar open 5-close. Pick-up Volleyball games 5-7. \$2.50 sirloin burger or chicken 5-9pm Karaoke with Michael D. 9pm

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

## Monday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - 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.

IBT's - Open 11am. Happy Hours 11am-8pm, \$2 domestic beer and well. 4-9pm. Hot dance with DJ Rayman Undie Monde with Jay. Happy Hour prices for those in their undies 9pm-close. Queer As Folk shown beginning at 8pm. All drink specials not available during special events.

VENTURE-N - Open 10am. Patio 5pm. Daily specials til 7pm

WOODY'S - Open Noon. \$2 well or domestic beer til 8pm. Karaoke w/Michael D. 9pm to close.

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

## Tuesday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - Open 2pm. Happy Hour Two-For-One domestic beer & well 2-7pm. Pool tourney 7:30pm. \$3 entry, bar matches pot. Country music 9pm to close. \$2 bottled Bud products 8pm to close.

IBT's - 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 laloo get happy hour prices 9 to close, or buy an IBT's T-shirt for \$5 and get a complimentary drink. House H-Nerdy Dance 9pm to close W/DJ-Q

VENTURE-N-Open 10am. Patio 5pm. Daily specials til 7pm.

WOODY'S - Open Noon \$2 well or domestic til 8pm Tropical drink specials 8 to close \$3 zombies, Jungle Juice, Mai Tai's.

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

## Wednesday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - Open 2pm. Happy Hour 2-4-1 domestic beer and well from 2-7pm. 80s retro music 9pm - close. \$1.25 pitchers of Bud/Bud Light or \$1 Tequila shots 8pm to close.

IBT's - Open 11am. Happy Hours 11am-8pm, \$2 domestic beer and well. 9pm "Diva-Licious" show w/Lucinda Holiday and guests. HINRG Dancing with DJ-Q. All drink specials not available during special events.

VENTURE-N-Open 10am. Pato 5pm. Daily specials til 7pm

WOODY'S - Open Noon. \$2 well or domestic beer til 8pm. Volleyball games start 7pm. Underwear-leish-leather nite with Michael \$1 off your favorite drink. Chili dogs or bowls \$1.

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

## Thursday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BUSINESS - Open 2pm. Happy Hour 2-7pm with 2-4-1 domestic beer and well. Karaoke 9-close, with \$2 Kamitzees and \$1 Hot Sex.

IBT's - Open 11am. Happy Hours 11am-8pm, \$2 domestic beer and well. 4-9. Retro 80s Dance w/Jonathan HJ NRG dancing 9-1 All drink specials not available during special events.

VENTURE-N-Open 10am. Pato open 5pm. Daily special til 7pm. Pool Tournament 7pm. 3 entry. (Special prices for players).

WOODY'S - Open Noon. \$2 well or domestic beer til 8pm. Trivia Thursday 8pm-close plus 50¢ off all Big Ass drinks. Top scores on NTN game wins special prizes. Free Pool 8 to close. Volleyball Court is Open. See bartender.

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

## Friday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BUSINESS - Open 2pm. Happy Hour 2-7pm with 2-4-1 domestic beer and well. Music with DJ Hal 9pm - close. Shot and drink specials all night. No cover.

IBT's - Open 11am. Happy Hours 11am-8pm, \$2 domestic beer and well. Live Jazz on the patio with the Susan 6-9pm. Pato Bar 5-1pm. Dance Party with DJ Rayman 9 to 1. All drink specials not available during special events.

VENTURE-N-Open 10am. Pato open 5pm. Daily special til 7pm. Happy Hour Buffet 5-7pm.

WOODY'S - Open Noon. \$2 well or domestic beer til 8pm. Martini Party - Well Martinis \$2.00 all day. Call Martinis \$3 from 4pm to close. Volleyball Court is Open. Pato Bar Open 7pm - midnight.

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

## Saturday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BUSINESS - Open at 2pm. Pool Tournament 6:30pm \$3 entry. Bar matches pot. \$2 pitchers for pool players. DJ Hal 9pm-close. Drink & Shot Specials all night.

IBT's - 10am-8pm \$2 domestic beer and well. Dance Party 9-1 w/DJ-Q. All drink specials not available during special events.

VENTURE-N-Open 10am. Pato Bar open at 3pm. Daily special til 7pm. Pato Beer Bust 3-7pm.

WOODY'S - Open 11am \$2 well or domestic beer. Til 8pm. Happy Hour 4-8pm. \$1.75 well or domestics. Pato Bar opens 5pm. 5-8pm Fiel Mignon or Swordfish BBQ with all the trimmings \$5.

YARD DOG - Open daily 6am. 50¢ off any Rum 1pm to 7pm. Kennel open 5pm



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**NOTICES**

**SOUTHERN ARIZONA AIDS FOUNDATION (SAAF)**, 375 S. EUCLID. Office Hours 9am to 5pm, Monday through Friday. Direct services and emotional support for persons with and affected by HIV. Anonymous HIV testing and support groups available. Prevention education programs. 528-SAAF (7223). World wide web: <http://www.saaaf.org>. VOLUNTEERS WELCOME.

**LESBIAN SUPPORT GROUP**. Involving discussion, support and activities. Designed to support each other. Meets 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month from 6:30 to 8pm. Alternate Saturdays the group meets for social activities. For info call Dorian Eastv. 862-7723 Facilitator.

**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 575-8560 or write P.O. Box 38264, Tucson, AZ 85740-8264. All replies confidential.

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

**YOUNG AND GAY?**

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 680-4613, 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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 (806 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 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday at 7pm. Call 327-7239 for info.

**GREATER PHOENIX GAY & LESBIAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE (GPGLOC)** P.O. BOX 2097, Phoenix, AZ 85001-2097. E-mail: [webmaster@gpgloc.org](mailto:webmaster@gpgloc.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](mailto: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.

**INNER WISDOM** - Try hypnotherapy for pain relief, past life exploration and addiction release. Also available: Spiritual Counseling and Dream Interpretation. 679-9020

**BEARS OF THE OLD PUEBLO** - a social club for bears and bigger, more robust men (and of course, those who prefer their company). For more info, Call the Bears Hotline (520)790-5775 or write P.O. Box 43910, Tucson, AZ 85733-3910 or visit our website at [www.betop.com](http://www.betop.com) All are welcome to our general meetings/potlucks on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of every month, 7pm at Sentinel Bldg. On the City of Tucson Resource Campus, 310 N. Commerce Park Loop on Santa 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. New Southern Arizona Region now in Tucson. Call the HOTline at 888-5541

**LESBIAN AND GAY ALANON** - Affected by someone's drinking? Meeting every Tuesday 8:45 to 9:45 p.m. at Lambda Center, 2940 E. Thomas, Phoenix. Ellie 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

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

**GUY'S BOOK CLUB** meets 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month at 7pm, Rainbow Plane: Coffee House, 608 N. 4<sup>th</sup> Ave.

CLASSIFIED ADS ARE .25 PER WORD \$5.00 MINIMUM



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**NOTICES**

**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 325-9466 or Ray at 749-5247.

**LIGHTING LIGHTING** will provide lighting for AIDS and related benefits at no charge. For more info call Adrienne at 889-7298.

**COME EXPLORE YOUR SPIRITUALITY!** St. Philip's in the Hills Episcopal Church offers a variety of Gay and Lesbian groups and services for the spiritually minded. Come meet the Phamily! For more information call Debbie 578-8827 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 8:00 to 9:30pm at Armory Park Senior Center, 220 S. 6th Ave. Call 781-9662.

Join the **LESBIAN & GAY PUBLIC AWARENESS PROJECT**. In Tucson write Awareness Project, 3681 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 680-9565 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](http://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 681-4562 for more information or sign up.

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

**TUCSON PRIDE, INC.** (Formerly Tucson Lesbian and Gay Alliance - TLGA) meets on the second Tuesday at 845 S. Craycroft Road at 7pm. Tucson Pride produces Pride events: Pride Week, Gay West and OUTBOYFEST. Inquiries about support groups and individual needs should be directed to Wingspan and other local agencies listed here. For more information call 622-3200 or visit the TPI website at [www.tucsonpride.com](http://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 8 weeks. 694-7063.

**TUCSON GREATER SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION**. Interested? Call Kelly Quinn, (520)742-7895 or go to our web site <http://www.tgsa softball.org>

**TUCSON INTERFAITH HIV/AIDS NETWORK (THAN)**, a coalition of faith communities committed to a compassionate response to HIV/AIDS, provides HIV education in congregational settings, volunteer Care Teams to support HIV+ persons, a referral network of HIV-sensitive clergy, and interfaith services of healing and hope. For more information call 299-6647.

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

**ANONYMOUS HIV COUNSELING AND TESTING** is available through the Pima County Health Department at sites throughout Tucson. Very Gay Friendly. For more information or to make an appointment call 791-7676.

**GRACE GROUP - CATHOLIC GAY/LESBIAN SUPPORT GROUP** meets every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Monday at 7:30 p.m. in the Madonna Hall at Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Church, 1436 N. Campbell across from University Hospital. For more info. Call Anabel at 325-0892

**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 386

**SENIORRAP**, a discussion group for older LGBTs, meets from 3 to 5pm on the last Sunday of every month at Wingspan, 300 E. 6<sup>th</sup> St. For more info call 640-0820

**NOTICES**

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

**AZdyke** is a new email list for Lesbians living in Arizona. For information mailtjan@earthlink.net and request guidelines.

**OUTLOUD!** Tucson's premiere Local Lesbian and Gay Radio Show, broadcast every Wednesday at 6:03 pm on 81.3 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 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday night of each month. If you'd like to meet women 35+ (flexible) and socialize in a smoke-free environment 888-8010 before 10:00 p.m. The group dines out and attends shows or movies. Now in their 16<sup>th</sup> year! (2<sup>nd</sup> in Tucson).

**SOUTHERN ARIZONA GENDER ALLIANCE (SAGA)**. Meetings on the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday, 7pm. Desert Girlz (MTP) Meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday at 7pm. Desert Boyz meets 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday at 7pm. of every month. All meetings take place at Wingspan, 300 E. 6<sup>th</sup> St. Call 624-1779 for more info. SAGAEmail@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. 14<sup>th</sup> St., #112, Phoenix, AZ 85014 or call 602-279-4805.

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

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

**AAPSP - ARIZONA ASSOCIATION OF PUBLIC SAFETY PROFESSIONALS**: a confidential organization committed to providing support and networking for all Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual public safety professionals in Arizona. Membership open to Law Enforcement Officers, Firefighters, Probation, Parole and Corrections Officers and civilians working within these agencies. Website: [AAPSP.org](http://AAPSP.org) or e-mail: [AAPSP@aol.com](mailto:AAPSP@aol.com) or call Dave (520)745-9059 (Tucson) or Kim (602)534-6219 (Phoenix)

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

**TUCSON CATHOLIC GAY & LESBIAN FAMILY MINISTRY**. Currently meeting the 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 283-8624.

**SAA (Sex Addicts Anonymous)** has 5 meetings a week in Tucson. People who wish to stop their compulsive sexual behavior, please call (820)570-1225 for current information.

**LUTHERANS CONCERNED** - Tucson chapter for Gay/Lesbian Lutherans meets 3rd Sunday, 6:30 p.m. each month at Santa Cruz Lutheran Church, 6809 S. Cardinal Ave. For information visit [www.lctucson.org](http://www.lctucson.org) write: LC, 7014 E. Golf Links Road, PMB 212, Tucson, AZ 85730.

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

**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 TG, TQ, and Gender-variant communities of Arizona. Website URL: <http://www.tgnat.org> - e-mail address: [slgoodrum@westnet.org](mailto:slgoodrum@westnet.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 MENTAL** - Discussion group and more. For men in their 30s, 40s and late 20s. A great way to meet people. Meeting 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month at Wingspan 7-9pm. Call 760-8714 for more information.

**SUPPORT GROUP FOR RECOVERING ADDICTS AND ALCOHOLICS**. Group meets every Saturday 7-9pm in Cornerstone Fellowship hall, 2902 N. Geronimo. 822-4826 or 750-6404.

**SOUTHERN ARIZONA STONEWALL DEMOCRATS** meet 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month 7pm at 4636 E. First Street. Call Jesse 743-4370 or Maurice 323-2293. All LGBT Democrats and supporters welcome. [TucsonStonewall@aol.com](mailto:TucsonStonewall@aol.com)

**PERSONALS**

**FREE GAY KITTENS!!!** See them at <http://groups.msn.com/tucsonkittys> or call 882-8875 954

**THE MAN-TO-MAN** Social/Erotic education Club. We are the tantric men's club that offers passionate friendships & fun activities. Merc 681-4582 953

**HOUSING/FOR RENT**

**CHARMING WESTSIDE TOWNHOUSE**: 2br/2ba, wood floors, vaulted ceiling, mountain and city views, community pool, serene patio, covered parking, washer/dryer/dishwasher. Convenient to UA and Pima. Must see! \$795/mo. 743-4251 953

**HOUSE FOR RENT - CENTRAL**. Country Club/Fl Lowell area. 3/4 bedroom 2 ba. Pool, hot tub, washer/dryer, tile, carpet (2), 3325 East Kleindale Road. Very private. Must see! No pets or smokers. 327-3135. \$995/mo. 952

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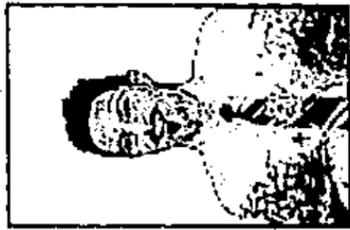
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## Contestants



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