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## Women's Professional Football Kicks Off In Arizona



One of the Arizona Knighthawks prepares to catch a well-thrown pass.



Some of the Arizona Knighthawks on the bench awaiting their turn to play.



Coach Uribe gives a 'pep talk' to one of his players. More photos on page five.  
PHOTOS: Amanda Irvin

PHOENIX - Last Saturday, August 9, The Women's Professional Football League began their second season in Arizona with the Arizona Knighthawks playing the Long Beach Aftershock. A good crowd was on hand at the Sunnyslope High School stadium for the game.

Although it was disappointing that the Hawks lost the game 33-6. It wasn't the score that counted, it was the fact that everyone played hard and professional, proving that this women's league is something that should be taken seriously.

The next home game for the Knighthawks will be Saturday, Aug. 23 when they play the Arizona Caliente. Game time is 7:00 p.m. All home games are played at Sunnyslope High School in Phoenix. Come out and support Arizona's premier women's football team.

Call the Knighthawks hotline for

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## Arnold Vague On GLBT Issues

SACRAMENTO - Actor-politician Arnold Schwarzenegger filed papers to run for California governor Thursday, August 7, in Los Angeles. The Republican announced his candidacy Wednesday night while taping "The Tonight Show."

"The politicians are fiddling, fumbling and failing," Schwarzenegger said, referring to California Governor Gray Davis and the current state of affairs in Sacramento. "This is why I am going to run for governor."

Some 1.3 million Californians signed a petition to hold a recall election of Davis, who was re-elected last year. The special election is scheduled for October 7. The California Supreme Court could change the course of the recall in the meantime, reported [Gay.com/PlanetOut.com](http://Gay.com/PlanetOut.com).

Schwarzenegger is considered by many to be a moderate Republican who is fiscally conservative and socially liberal. That combination could be a winning ticket for California's Republican party during this recall election.

It is still unclear where the "Terminator" star stands on issues affecting the LGBT community.

"We would hope all the candidates would support full equality, including equal marriage rights," Equality California executive director Geoffrey Kors told the [Gay.com/PlanetOut.com](http://Gay.com/PlanetOut.com) Network.

Schwarzenegger has not stated

whether he is a supporter of Gay marriage, but he is considered to be friendly on Gay issues.

"It will be interesting to see how California's Republican party reacts to someone who claims to be very liberal on social issues, if being very liberal includes supporting full equality for LGBT Californians - including equal marriage rights," Kors said.

Schwarzenegger has however made it clear that he wants to make California more "business friendly." He also lists educating the state's children and reforming Sacramento's political process as high priorities.

The Austrian immigrant says he owes a debt to California and its people for welcoming him to the state years ago. Later in the week, he revealed that he had supported and voted for a proposition that restricted state services to illegal aliens. Known as proposition 187, it polarized many minority communities and was spearheaded by Schwarzenegger's campaign co-chair, former California Governor Pete Wilson.

When asked Thursday how he would treat environmental issues, he said, "There is nothing to worry about there."

"All I can say to Arnold is, 'Hasta la vista, baby, you're not going to be around on election day,'" California's Democratic Party chairman, Art Torre, is quoted saying in the *San Francisco Chronicle*. "This campaign is just beginning."

## Gay Bishop Spurs Response By Anglican Leader

LONDON, UK - The fracas over the appointment of openly Gay Gene Robinson as the bishop coadjutor of New Hampshire shows no sign of abating, with the archbishop of Canterbury calling a summit Friday, August 8, in a bid to keep the Anglican Church from falling into disarray.

Dr. Rowan Williams, the archbishop of Canterbury and the symbolic head of the worldwide Anglican Communion, which includes the U.S. Episcopal Church, said he will hold a meeting with all the major leaders of the religion in London this October, where the issue of Gene Robinson will be discussed, reported [Gay.com](http://Gay.com) UK.

"I am clear that the anxieties caused by recent developments have reached the point where we will need to sit down and discuss their consequences," the archbishop said in a statement Friday.

"It is my hope that the church in America and the rest of the Anglican

Communion will have the opportunity to consider this development before significant and irrevocable decisions are made in response."

It is clear that the threat of schism within the church hangs over this debate, with many conservative groups claiming that the appointment has isolated the U.S. branch from the rest of the world.

Thursday, August 7, the Nigerian branch of the religion, which, with 17.5 million members, holds the largest concentration of Anglicans outside England, condemned the appointment as against the culture of the country.

Other branches from around the developing world, where the religion is still managed in a deeply conservative way, echoed the Nigerian protest. Many Anglicans in such countries claim that the U.S. branch is drawing on principles of

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# UPDATE

## IN MEMORIAM

### The Original Dr. "X" Has Passed

TUCSON - The original voice of "Ask Dr. X" has passed on to the great examination room in the sky.

John Green, was born May 17, 1961 in Baltimore, Maryland and passed away Monday, August 4.

Green is survived by parents Francis "Mickey" and Patricia (Dixon) Green of Green Valley sister Carol Green of Tucson and brother Christopher Green of Pennsylvania; many other relatives and friends also survive. John was a painter, writer, graphic artist and interior designer.

Green worked for PACT, Shanti, SAAF and the Gay Men's Health Project (GMHP). He was the original voice of "Dr. X" with many articles appearing in the Observer. He also was a public speaker on AIDS/HIV awareness.

Funeral services were held August 7. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation, 375 S. Euclid, Tucson, AZ 85719.

### Desert Voices Seeks Accompanist And Board Members

TUCSON - Desert Voices is currently seeking an accompanist for their upcoming 15<sup>th</sup> season.

The GLBT/SATB chorus rehearses on Monday evenings from 7 to 9:30 p.m. at MCC. Anyone interested in applying should contact the chorus at (520) 791-9662, go to their website at <http://www.desertvoices.org> or email them at [info@desertvoices.org](mailto:info@desertvoices.org).

The chorus is also seeking additional board members. If you are a fan of live arts in Tucson and would like to help grow and promote this lively group, visit their website and E-mail them for more information.

### TIHAN Seeks Volunteers

TUCSON - Do you have the "volunteer blahs"? Feeling uninspired and restless? Do you want to be a part of "something" but don't know what that something is? We have a few ideas...

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These volunteer opportunities are great ways to get out and meet other people while helping spread the word about TIHAN, educate others, and recruit volunteers to support those affected by HIV/AIDS. What a great feeling to know that you are a resource for others in our community, and to know that you are doing your part to help. Create the hope we need in our society today. These are amazing ways to give of yourself and to share your own passion and spirit.

For more information, call TIHAN, (520) 299-6647.

### G/L Private School Halts Operations

DALLAS - A private school for Gay and Lesbian students won't be holding classes this fall.

Instead, officials at the Walt Whitman Community School say they'll spend the next 10 months seeking accreditation by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

The association is the standard

BEN CORBIN  
6/26/31 - 7/20/03

TUCSON - One of GLBT Tucson's most prominent and active members, Ben Corbin, died on July 20, after a long, six year battle with prostate cancer. Corbin was 72.

Most of us knew him as Ben. He came into our lives in many ways, through his warm and loving approach to living life to the fullest.

All of GLBT Tucson will cherish Ben's memory for the rest of our time on Earth and be thankful that we had the pleasure of knowing him.

On Saturday, August 23, 9:00 a.m., a special ceremony for Ben will take place at the Water of Life MCC, 3269 N. Mountain Avenue.

Corbin wanted no funeral or traditional memorial and this special ceremony will take place to remember Ben. For more information, or directions, call (520) 512-0275 or E-mail [benecorbin82303@aol.com](mailto:benecorbin82303@aol.com).

accrediting authority for colleges and universities in 11 Southern states. The struggling school had been the subject of a documentary on MTV earlier this year, which spurred a surge of student applications. But the lack of accreditation has meant a Whitman diploma was meaningless.

Karen McCrocklin, a member of the school's board of directors, says the school has issued general equivalency diplomas—or GEDs—good only for getting students into junior colleges. She says school officials will focus on meeting the Southern Association's requirements. Walt Whitman is one of the nation's few schools established specifically to educate Gay and Lesbian teens. This fall New York City will open the nation's first public high school for Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgendered students.

### Trial Delayed In Local Hate Crime Murder

TUCSON - The trial of a man accused of beating another man to death in part because he was Gay has been pushed to next year, the Tucson Citizen reported.

David Augustine Higdon, 21, had been scheduled for trial Aug. 19 in the baseball bat killing and robbery of Philip A. Walsted, 24. Tucson police labeled the attack a hate crime.

Superior Court Judge Frank Dawley Monday granted the prosecution's request for more time and set the trial for Feb. 3.

Deputy County Attorney Teresa Godoy asked for the delay because she did not have enough time to study evidence still being gathered by the defense.

Defense attorney Richard Parrish requested Higdon's \$1 million bond be lowered to allow for release so he would not "vegetate" in jail. Dawley quickly denied the request.

Walsted, 24, was killed June 12, 2002. The American Airlines reservations worker was found at 4:50 a.m., lying on the street at East Fifth Street and North Hoff Avenue, about a block and a half from his home.

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# Gay/Lesbian Couples Suffer From 'Marriage Penalty'

NEW YORK - With the subject of Gay marriage making daily headlines, you might find yourself, as I did this weekend, socializing with well-meaning, Gay-friendly straight friends who really don't see what all the fuss is about. Yes, they think same-sex couples should have equal rights, but why marriage - is it really necessary?

To make his point, one friend pointed to the tax laws, noting that married couples pay more than they would if they were filing as "singles."

He was referring to the myth commonly called the "marriage penalty."

Here's where you may want to have your facts straight, so when these kinds of conversations happen you can calmly point out the facts (hint: nothing impresses people like numbers), [gfn.com](http://gfn.com) reported.

My friend was partially correct: according to a 1996 Congressional Budget Office analysis, some 42 percent of married taxpayers paid more in taxes than they would have if they remained single because they filed jointly. The average penalty? A significant \$1,380.

But more couples - 51 percent of the total - paid less tax jointly than if they had not married. The average bonus these couples received: \$1,300.

Interesting to note, the people who got a tax break by marrying (rather, who could marry) were those with disparate incomes. The wider the gap between the

paychecks of the hubby and wife, the bigger the bonus.

The people who tended to face a marriage penalty were those with similar incomes. Typically, the more they made, the bigger the penalty they paid.

Over the last couple of years, our president and Congress have made a big show of getting rid of the so-called marriage penalty that beleaguers the otherwise blissful state of matrimony for heterosexual voters.

The standard deduction for married couples is now twice that for singles and the 15 percent tax bracket has been widened for marrieds to \$56,800, twice the limit for singles.

Those who didn't face a penalty, but got a bonus instead, will see that bonus rise. The change in the standard deduction alone will save couples \$155, and the larger 10 percent and 15 percent bracket could add hundreds more.

There's still a potential for an income tax marriage penalty once joint incomes reach the 25 percent bracket, although married couples will still pay less in taxes this year than last.

And what of Gay couples who are not allowed to marry?

A 1997 study by the General Accounting Office showed that there are more than 1,000 federal rights, benefits, obligations and protections associated with marriage that Gay and Lesbian couples currently have no access to.

Let's take a look at the top five, so you can toss them off at your next heterosexual social gathering:

Social Security retirement and survivor benefits. A husband or wife is entitled to one-half of the spouse's Social Security benefits and to additional benefits in the event of death.

Workplace health and pension benefits coverage. While some companies offer health coverage to domestic partners, this benefit is considered taxable income. When married spouses are covered, the benefit is tax-free.

Automatic inheritance rights. Die without a will, and a heterosexual spouse gets the stuff. In many states, the surviving spouse has a legal right to at least one-third to one-half of the estate.

Preferential estate tax treatment. The \$1 million estate tax limitation doesn't apply to married people: a heterosexual married person can leave an unlimited amount to a spouse without owing one penny of estate tax. In certain states, this benefit is multiplied by special capital-gains tax treatment for homes and other assets held by married couples as community property.

Lower insurance rates. Married people usually get a discount on auto insurance and may pay less for other types of insurance. Some enlightened companies - the Hartford was among the first - offer family discounts to Gay and Lesbian couples, but it is not yet an industry standard.

These factoids may not improve digestion at your next social function, but they are sure to provoke conversation, particularly for anyone who believes that Gays, with all that fabulous disposable income, are doing just fine.

So, rattle off these stats and then let one final question hang in the air: why do we pay the very same taxes as our married heterosexual counterparts, but don't get the same benefits?

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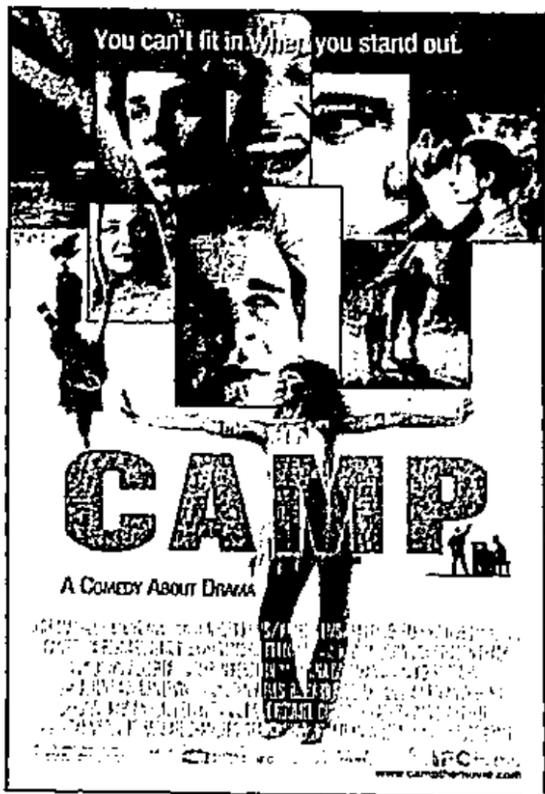
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## Gay Conscientious Objector Faces Court Martial

NEW ORLEANS - An openly Gay reservist in the U.S. Marines who is facing a court-martial in New Orleans says he's being prosecuted for criticizing the military at antiwar rallies and for publicizing his application for conscientious objector status at a news conference.

The Marines argues that it pursued charges against Lance Cpl. Stephen Funk because he skipped out on 47 days of training in defiance of orders by his commander. A pretrial hearing was scheduled for Monday, August 4, when Funk's attorney, Stephen Collier, intends to ask a military judge to dismiss the charge of "shirking important duty" on the basis that Funk has been selectively targeted. "People go AWOL [absent without leave] all the time, and they don't get court-martialed," says Collier, who has represented military clients since the first Gulf War. "He's a conscientious objector who went public with his beliefs, and that's something that should be respected, not retaliated against."

There are 23 Marine reservists currently seeking conscientious objector status, which soldiers may do if they can prove that during their service they developed deep opposition to all wars. All of them have been transferred to New Orleans, home of the Marine Reserve headquarters, for processing. "Funk was the only one who didn't show up when his unit was being mobilized for the war, and he's the only one being prosecuted," Marine spokesman Capt. Jeff Poole says. "They told him, 'You'll be in trouble if you don't show

up."  
Funk, 21, who says he joined the Marines because he wanted the discipline but acknowledges now that it was a mistake, also recently made public that he is Gay. He thinks he has been treated unfairly because of his sexual orientation but says that was not a factor when he applied for conscientious objector status. "I could have just said that I was Gay, and I would have been gone in three weeks, but it wouldn't have been honest," Funk said. "It's not why I'm opposed to being in the military. Certainly I'm oppressed in the military, but I can deal with that. That's a personal problem. But if I was forced to go to war...then I would be perpetuating oppression and violence against others. I can deal with people not liking me for who I am, but when I'm forced to do that toward others, I refuse."

At Monday's hearing, however, a Marine prosecutor is expected to ask the judge to disallow at trial any evidence of Funk's being a conscientious objector. Poole said the charges have nothing to do with that or the fact that Funk is Gay. "We don't care why he didn't show up; we just needed him to show up," Poole says. Funk has been widely criticized on talk shows, even by some Gays who believe he is undermining Gays' ability to succeed in the military. But Funk said many soldiers respect him for speaking out against the war and for voicing his opinion that military training discourages freedom of thought and expression.

## Pro-G/L Union Contract Kept Secret, Republicans Charge

HARRISBURG - Pennsylvania is now providing family and sick leave benefits to the domestic partners of Gay and Lesbian state employees, under a little-known clause in a five-week-old labor contract.

News of the agreement became more widely known Tuesday, August 5, when The Patriot-News in Harrisburg published a front-page story about it. While a union official said the entire contract has been made public on the Pennsylvania Social Services Union Web site in recent weeks, Republicans wondered why they found out about the provision in a newspaper. Steve Miskin, a spokesman for house Republican leader Sam Smith of Jefferson County, said the agreement was carried out in "secrecy." "Among the conservatives, there is a very strong feeling

of concern," Miskin said. "This was a major departure from an area where governors have previously gone in a labor contract."

The benefits, which went into effect July 1, cover about 13,000 employees in locals affiliated with the Service Employees International Union, many of whom are nurses, social workers, or counselors. SEIU negotiators pushed for the extension of benefits when they negotiated a new four-year contract for its affiliate, the Pennsylvania Social Services Union. The administration of Democratic governor Ed Rendell "was pleased to facilitate it," said Robert Barnett, the secretary of administration who negotiated the contract. Under the new rules, a qualifying employee

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**POLITICS 2003**

By Mark P. Kerr

**'A Proper Salute Was  
 The Middle Finger'**

On Monday, August 11, the "Occupier-and-Thief" was in the Old Pueblo for a scripted, political photo-op to tout his "Healthy Forest Initiative" which if approved, would turn all national park's and forests into giant parking lots.

As the helicopters flew over with Dubya on board, interrupting a peaceful morning, polluting the air, two 'proper salutes' was delivered by this reporter as the invasion flew closely over.

Wouldn't be nice to have an actual elected president but with 2004 election just around the corner, it could happen, and Arizona will play a bigger role in the campaign next year, since the presidential primary will take place in the Grand Canyon State, on February 3, 2004, with the Democrats taking center stage, in their first ever Arizona primary which will be fourth one to take place on the political calendar.

As of press time, there are still nine people running for the Democratic nomination. Recently the Human Rights Campaign (HRC) released the responses to their 2004 Democratic Presidential Candidate Questionnaire. Several questions were posed to the candidates, cover issues of concern to the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender (GLBT) community.

One of these candidates is former Vermont Governor, and physician, Howard Dean, who had signed legislation (Civil Union Bill), making Vermont the first state government to recognize same-sex relationships. Dean, thanks to a savvy Internet campaign, and a dedicated grass-roots effort, he has become one of the top tier candidates, leading recent presidential preference polls of GLBT voters.

Dean would support and work for passage of a federal bill that would prohibit job discrimination based on sexual orientation. Adding, "Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 bars employment discrimination based on race, religion, sex and national origin. But nothing in federal law prevents an employer from discharging or refusing to hire someone because he or she is Gay. As President, I will fight for enactment of the Employment Non-Discrimination Act to remedy this gap in federal law.

Governor Dean said he would support and work for passage of a federal bill that outlawed discrimination in the workplace based on gender identity and expression. In the questionnaire, Dean said he would support the inclusion of protections based on sexual orientation and gender identity to the law passed in 1968 which covers the categories of race, religion and national origin and that he "strengthened protections against anti-Gay violence by signing a bill that amended Vermont's hate crimes statute to include sexual orientation and gender identity."

Whether federal funding for the Ryan White CARE Act should be increased, Dean supports more funding for the program, stating that his health care proposal "ensures that all Americans would have access to affordable health insurance." Dean supports and would sign the Early Treatment for HIV Act (ETHA). "I support allowing states the option of expanding

Medicaid coverage to people who are living with HIV but not considered disabled so that they can have early access to quality care." In regard to increasing funding HIV/AIDS prevention, treatment and research, Dean said in his questionnaire that he supports it, and that he "would bring to the White House a heightened awareness of the impact of HIV/AIDS within the United States and abroad.

"We must offer teenagers information about safe sex. School curricula must be guided by science, not squeamishness," Dean responded to the question about whether he supports comprehensive and age-appropriate sex education for America's students that includes science based prevention methods.

Dean expressed his support for same-sex civil unions, adding that "the federal government should recognize state sanctioned civil unions for the purposes of federal benefits and tax treatment," but opposes same-sex marriage, with absolutely no requirements imposed on religious institutions should be made legally available to two committed adults. He supports the Tax Equity for Health Plan Beneficiaries Act which would extend federal benefits, rights and responsibilities to same-sex couples, expanding the Family and Medical Leave Act to cover domestic partners and to modify the Social Security System to pay survivor benefits to the same-sex partners. Dean added that he supports domestic partner coverage from Gay and Lesbian federal employees.

Governor Dean favors giving appropriate judicial authorities the full authority to make decisions on adoption based on the best of interest of the child, without bans based solely on sexual orientation. "Children need nurturing, supportive and committed guardians to insure that they are safe and healthy. If guardians meet these criteria, they should not be prevented from adopting children on the basis of their sexual orientation," he said in the questionnaire.

H.R. 832, the Permanent Partners Immigration Act, which would enable an American citizen to petition for immigration sponsorship for a same-sex partner, and the INS would treat the relationships between opposite and same-sex couples in the same manner under the immigration code, is a measure Howard Dean would sign into law.

On 'Don't Ask, Don't Tell,' Dean said "It is ridiculous that last November, several Arabic and Korean linguists from the Army's Defense Language Institute were discharged for being Gay despite the critical need for qualified linguists in the war on terror. That was wrong. Gay and Lesbian soldiers should have the opportunity to serve our country openly," and would work to repeal "Don't Ask, Don't Tell."

For more information, visit his famous Web site at deanforamerica.com.



**What Makes Our Town Tick?**

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By Jerry D.

**'Warhol's Legacy'**

Hello readers! Last week, around the country, several art galleries remembered the life of this generation's most famous artist. Andy Warhol would have been 75 years old this year, and tributes were abundant remembering the man. Those of us who got to live through the Sixties remember the various directions that art took in a time of total freedom. Colors were being used in a manner that had not been seen since the blue periods of Van Gogh and Picasso. From the mass expression came Andy Warhol and art would never be the same again. If you are a fan or not though, the legacy of Warhol is as much of what he painted as is however what he said.

At the high point of his career, as he sat being interviewed, Warhol was asked what his vision was for the future. The reporter awaited an answer worthy of art schools and museums, but instead caught Warhol at his most visionary. "I think in the future, everyone will be famous for 15 minutes" was the exact answer given by Warhol. At the time of the interview, there might have been maybe three other people who understood the prediction given. As we look back on it now, we find that it was not only accurate, but also almost psychic-like that we today would have that reality in our society.

I am pretty sure that Warhol's idea of fame was no where near the magnitude of what we see in our day. Its almost impossible to think that it was only 40 years ago that the statement was made. In that time though, the meaning of fame has taken on a life of its own. Having the moniker of fame to your name was once a badge of honor and glory, now it seems that fame has become more like a curse. Where your name in the newspaper would grant the reality of dreams, now it is the prelude to nightmares no one would ever wish or want.

In the time since that line was uttered, this country alone has faced scandal, conflict, tragedy and false triumph which has given many their own 15 minutes. The quote has been used in everything

from political speeches, to the premise of a television reality program. What was once known as infamy, is almost now seen as sheer notoriety in the media. Warhol's like has taken a page of our history and solidified it simply by the actions of those who use their quarter-hour in so many different ways.

And even after the expiration of that imaginary time, many of those who have become victims of the clock do whatever they can to prolong it, no matter what the means. G. Gordon Liddy, Heidi Fleiss, Oliver North and countless others have taken their time and curved it to other directions in the hopes that the spotlight does not dim on the popularity of their name. Some start a new life with the hopes of keeping the star status, while others live in obscurity away from any public knowledge till they are found dead somewhere and their ending second on their 15 minutes come to a close.

I am sure the estate of Andy Warhol does not benefit from the society machine created by his line those years ago. There are books, album titles, punch lines and seminars that are completely based on the quote. If Warhol were still alive, he probably would have found a way to make an even longer lasting mark with what he said that day, if only to make it an even more intriguing line. Who knows, he might have even sparked a revival of sorts with his work in a gallery somewhere. He could have titled it "I want 15 minutes more".

I will always remember Warhol for the art he introduced us to. A soup can will never look the same to me. He was an artist that I looked to whenever I want to understand how a culture of growth and vivid dreams turned into a divided nation at the time of the South Asian conflict. Sure there are many who have been in that 15 minute window due to great feats, but our nation as a whole will always categorize the negative with a better picture than the positive. That is the least like Andy Warhol's work was focused on. Have a great week and remember to vote!

**ON THE HUNT**

By Hunter Johnson

Well, I'm Back and I'm back with great news

I have found out that the Desert Pride Store is under new ownership. The new owners have stepped in and have saved the Desert Pride Store from certain closure at the end of this year.

I've visited the store just a few weeks after it changed ownership to find that the store had been moved around, prices have been lowered, old merchandise is being cleared out and new merchandise is replacing it. So, stop by check it out, and say hi, to the new owner Dana Young and Kim Muell. Let them know what you would like to have available for purchase in our new community store called Desert Pride.

It has been requested by you the readers, for me to write more articles for the Observer. I enjoy writing articles, so I will ask one thing of you. Contact me at onthefhunt@cox.net and let me know what you would like me to report on and share with your community or if you just have a problem and want someone to discuss it with. Put me to work!

**Gay Bishop**

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political correctness, rather than what they claim the Bible teaches: that homosexuality is a sin.

Despite the growing sense of panic in the church, Robinson is remaining calm. He has confirmed he will be attending the Lesbian and Gay Christian Movement's conference in Manchester, England this October to give a keynote speech.

With Robinson speaking at the event, however, there are fears that the row could be fueled further.

**Women's Football**

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# Local Luminaries



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If you feel that you have been slogging along in the same old morass, expect a kick in the pants when retro Mars and Uranus makes an excellent aspect to Saturn this week. All your hard work pays off big, big, big, but in unexpected ways.

## ARIES

**MARCH 21 - APRIL 20**

If your homelife lacks that special something, get ready for an overhaul when retro Mars and Uranus happily nudge stern old Saturn. Gay Rams have a spark of inspiration that carries them through any renovation or move. Family still on the outs with you? Maybe that is a good thing. Get out and stay out cousin; Saturn gives you the political savvy to hone your message.

## TAURUS

**APRIL 21 - MAY 21**

They say that the medium is the message but this week as retro Mars and Uranus sparkle with Saturn, your message is well done! Queer Bulls sound almost wise and measured and can deliver their opinions with great power. This is the time to be Outspoken. I hear the democrats are looking for a good presidential candidate.

## GEMINI

**MAY 22 - JUNE 21**

Pink Twins may be feeling as if all their hard professional efforts are a bit, shall we say, flaccid. But now, as retrograding Mars and Uranus cooperate with savvy Saturn, even mediocre half hearted attempts blast off your launch pad and into the starchamber. You become a force with whom to be reckoned. Now go out and raise a little hell.

## CANCER

**JUNE 22 - JULY 23**

You appear to be all buttoned up, tightly wound and in control but just wait until retro Mars and Uranus tickle Saturn. Your barriers fall and your actions take on global and volcanic proportions. Pink Crabs ache to expand their horizons in any way possible. Be careful of what you wish. Are you prepared to become food for the paparazzi? Then cook on all four burners.

## LEO

**JULY 24 - AUGUST 23**

While proud Lions usually appear to be confident and totally in control, sometimes it is all a nicely packaged facade. Let's look behind the gaudy scenery as retrograding Mars and Uranus tap into the potent strength of Saturn. This is the time to go into your hidden well of knowledge to find the answers you need to get what you want out of life. What do you want out of life?

## VIRGO

**AUGUST 24 - SEPTEMBER 23**

For those Queer Virgins who may be grappling with relationships issues, the planets now offer a dose of reality and choices. Retrograding Mars and Uranus ask wise Saturn (and your friends) for advice. Be prepared for some surprising and life changing suggestions, compadre; you have nothing to lose but your chains... or maybe that is your thing?

## LIBRA

**SEPTEMBER 24 - OCTOBER 23**

If you are feeling like a drone who is stuck in a professional subbasement, buy yourself a new power suit and wait for retro Mars and Uranus to trine Saturn. No matter how much you may screw up in the day to day, each gaffe is a gem to those in authority.

Gay Libras are poised for greatness if they remember to build on their considerable experience and innate wisdom.

## SCORPIO

**OCTOBER 24 - NOVEMBER 22**

Party hearty proud Scorps may not know what disco ball hit them when retro Mars and Uranus let the good times roll with Saturn. A creative idea becomes a mandate with international implications. I suspect there are quite a few of you who need several man dates because each one does not last very long.... The rest need ma'ham dates.

## SAGITTARIUS

**NOVEMBER 23 - DECEMBER 22**

If your family is holding you back from where (and who) you really want to be this is the time to make some needed changes. Gay Archers will relish the independence and strength that comes their way when retro Mars and Uranus trine Saturn. You can no longer be a cheerleader on the sidelines. It is time to grab the ball and run with it... or whatever turns you on.

## CAPRICORN

**DECEMBER 23 - JANUARY 20**

Pink Caps may feel at a crossroad in a particular relationship when retro Mars and Uranus trine Saturn. The urge is to take drastic action to turn things around but sometimes the best action is to turn things upside down. There is no going back to the way things were and good thing too; your words can move mountains. How about moving your behind?

## AQUARIUS

**JANUARY 21 - FEBRUARY 19**

Although you are not usually mercenary, the trine of Saturn with retro Mars and Uranus has you counting your pennies and investing them into dollars. This can be the big payoff time for those Aquarians who have put in the sweat equity. But for lazy things, you will sooner spend your time counting the years to retirement. Years and years and years.

## PISCES

**FEBRUARY 20 - MARCH 20**

Whereas the party of the first part demands too much attention from the partygoers, it is the opinion of this court that Guppies need to tone down their need for all the attention and allow others their time in the center stage. For those selfish souls who cannot stop the glare, be prepared to be swallowed whole as the ground opens up under you. Ohhhh - promise?

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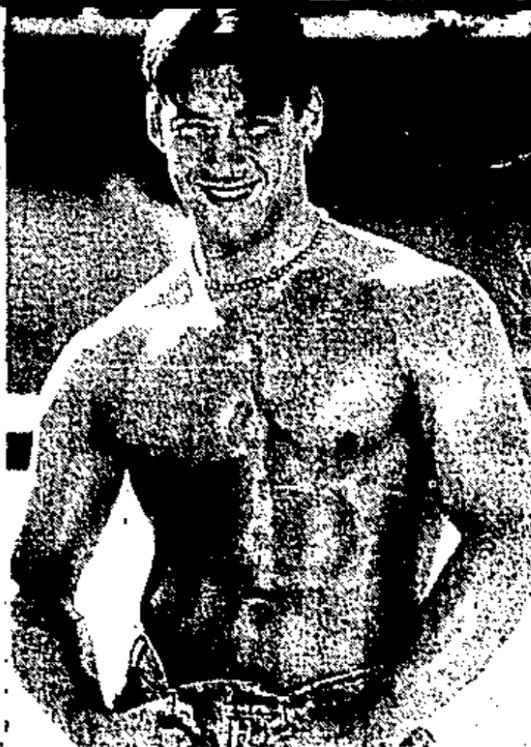
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**NOTES FROM THE FOR-REAL SIDE**

by Lee Thorn

**Run Jerry, Run**

Jerry Springer, famous talk show host, has just announced that he's decided not to run for the U.S. Senate. I wish he'd reconsider.

I didn't know much about Mr. Springer. I've never seen his allegedly "controversial" show. But I was highly amused by the expert way he handled TV interviewers regarding his possible senate race, and was struck by the fact that he sounds about ten times smart than the average candidate for public office.

Comedian Jay Leno was recently joking that during President Bush's long pauses in the middle of sentences he found himself rooting for the president to finish the sentence. We could use a few politicians at the national level who could speak English like it was their native language, and who, like Mr. Springer, could be intelligent and witty as well.

One thing I find truly delicious about the Springer phenomenon is that everybody condemns his talk show at the same time that they claim not to watch it. In fact I have yet to meet a single person who admits to watching it!

From vague comments I've heard on TV, I've decided that the show features fairly unattractive people recounting their sexual misadventures. Although I can't say I'd find that very amusing, I fail to see any real harm in it.

But Mr. Springer's handling of interviewers is a joy to behold. Every single one of them that I saw in a recent media blitz concerning his senatorial potential asked him some form of the following question: "What should the public take the host of a notoriously tasteless TV show seriously as a candidate for national office?"

Since Mr. Springer has several years of elective office under his belt, including a stint as Mayor of Cincinnati, he could have jumped up and down and beat his chest and said, "What do you mean 'talk show host'? I've been a candidate for the U.S. Congress, a city council member of several terms, and a mayor of a major American city." But our talk show host who has also been a political reporter, a TV news anchor and an Emmy-winning political commentator is too much savvy to object to the question. He knows that objecting to the question always puts you on the defensive and usually makes you look like a twit as well.

Far from objecting, Mr. Springer cleverly agrees with the underlying premise of the question and doesn't even mention his impressive credentials. He says that the public shouldn't necessarily take him seriously as a candidate, that they should decide whether to take him seriously based on the political ideas he brings forth.

Keeping the focus on the future is a great tactic here and in politics generally. In this case it also makes it much harder for the interviewer to raise the issue of the sex scandal in Mr. Springer's past, that of paying a prostitute with a personal check! This lunacy cost him his city council seat and his first chance to be mayor.

But now we come, with apologies to Paul Harvey, to "the rest of the story." Mr. Springer defied Democratic Party tradition and came clean. He had to leave the council, but he soon ran for the same seat, was elected and eventually became the

mayor. In Mr. Springer we would be looking at a candidate who has his sex scandal behind him, who speaks English with ease, who is bright and witty and has a sense of humor. He hasn't really enunciated a coherent political philosophy but his municipal speeches seem harmless enough - vaguely populist in tone but nothing that a J.P. Morgan would lose much sleep over. Best of all, if Mr. Springer ran, he would entertain the entire nation by playing the media like a Stradivarius.

A note on sources: It's easier to find a book on The Jerry Springer Show that it is to find a bio of Jerry Springer. There's an anonymous on-line bio that fails to mention the prostitute/personal check fiasco. The one source that I finally got my hands on that provided an extremely detailed and extensively documented account of Mr. Springer's political adventures, personal checks and all, was published in London, "The Outrageous Jerry Springer" by Ian Smith and Liz Hodgson.

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

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My name is Miguel Guzman and I need assistance putting out the word to the Gay community in what is an unfair practice by Priceline.com

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After arguing with Priceline.com and the insurance company they gave us a lot of run around and I ended up at the Tucson office of the insurance commission, which agreed with us that the wording is very vague and can be abused by the insurance company.

After filing a complaint with the commission, the company finally admitted to being wrong and refunded my partner's ticket.

We just want to give a heads up to everyone out there that may find themselves in a similar situation that they should either contact us by email and we'll walk them on how to file a complaint or they can call the commission themselves.

Miguel Guzman

(Ed. Note: Guzman sent this via desertmickey@yahoo.com. The letter reflects the opinion of the writer and not necessarily that of the staff, management and advertisers of the Observer.)

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**A View From The Rock**  
by Joy L. Childress A Commentary From Cornerstone Fellowship

**On God's Blessings**

How many times in one day do you stop and thank God for His many blessings?

"Why thank God?", you say. "My life is a mess, why should I thank God? I am Gay, and the Christian world hates me. Why should I thank God for that? I've been spit at, sworn at, kicked out of churches, etc. Why should I thank God? He never showed any blessings to me." I know these thoughts are running through your mind. How do I know? I know because I have been there. After I was asked not to come back to the Baptist College I was attending in Minnesota because I was a lesbian, I became very cynical, angry at God, and feeling sorry for myself because my church condemned me. During that period in my life, I couldn't thank God, either. But, I worked through a lot of the cynicism and anger.

It took me years, but I have finally come to the place where I fully believe it doesn't matter to God whether I am homosexual or heterosexual. God made me like this for a reason. He formed me, and I know that I am His creation. Once I grasped the knowledge that I am His no matter what or who I am, I became "thankful". Many of us have come from abusive situations and think that we have nothing for which to be thankful. But, I look back over my childhood, young adulthood, and beyond, and realize that God has been with me every step I took, whether it was a right step or a wrong step. When a person gets right with God through believing in Jesus Christ, His Son, then that person sees how everything that has

happened to him/her has a divine intervention wrapped around his/her experiences. I have seen how God worked in my life, throughout my whole life, and I become thankful for His protection, His guidance, His love. My heart at this moment is full of thanksgiving to Him—yes, I am thankful even though I am still grieving over the death of my spouse of 26 years.

We can even be thankful for all of God's blessings that He bestows on us, His children, in the bad times as well as the good times. The other day, I asked a good friend of mine why God was blessing me so much, even in my grief. You know what she said? She said, "God loves you". Yes, and it is because of God's love for us that He blesses us. God wants to bless you abundantly, if you will only let Him. Come boldly to God through His Son, Jesus, and ask for His mighty blessings on your life. He will turn your life around because He loves you and wants the best for you. Even the little things in life will become blessings to you.

"There's the wonder of sunset at evening, The wonder as sunrise I see; But the wonder of wonders that thrills my soul Is the wonder that God loves me. There's the wonder of spring-time and harvest, The sky, the stars, the sun; But the wonder of wonders that thrills my soul Is a wonder that's only begun. O, the wonder of it all! The wonder of it all! Just to think that God loves me. O, the wonder of it all! The wonder of it all! Just to think that God loves me." - George Beverly Shea.

**Oregon Governor Appoints Openly Gay Supreme Court Justice**

SALEM - Oregon governor Ted Kulongoski appointed Oregon court of appeals judge Rives Kistler to the Oregon supreme court on Monday, August 4.

Kistler will be the first openly Gay member of the state high court. "It's obviously something that matters, but ultimately, I think, what really is important is how you can contribute to the work of the court," Kistler said. "Having that diversity on the court helps people see things they might miss otherwise. And there's a value in that. But there's all sorts of diversity people bring to the court. And I assume the governor took those things into consideration."

Kistler was appointed to the 10-judge court of appeals in February 1999 and was elected in 2000 to a six-year term. Before that, he spent 11 years as an Oregon assistant attorney general handling appeals. He also practiced law in Portland and taught state constitutional law at Northwestern Law School in Portland. Kistler's appointment has upset some women's groups, as it makes Oregon one of only two states with no women on its highest court. "It's infuriating," said Katherine O'Neil, founding president of Oregon Women Lawyers. "It's not like there wasn't a woman of equal caliber and equal qualifications available."

Kulongoski is a former state supreme court justice, and a top aide said that experience gave him a unique perspective in filling the vacancy left by Susan Leeson, who resigned in January. "There will never be anybody smarter or more talented on the court than Rives

Kistler," said Peter Bragdon, Kulongoski's chief of staff. "He's a top-notch person and lawyer and judge."

**Foley Touts Support For DOMA and Opposition To G/L Adoption**

ST. PETERSBURG - Florida congressman Mark Foley, who sparked a firestorm of controversy when he called a press conference in May to denounce rumors that he is Gay, on Monday, August 4, touted his support for the 1996 Defense of Marriage Act while speaking to a group of members of the Spirit of '76 Republican Club of Pasco County, reports the St. Petersburg Times.

At the event, in which Foley was stumping for votes in his run for the Republican nomination for Bob Graham's U.S. Senate seat, Scott Factor, treasurer of the Pasco Republican Executive Committee, asked Foley about his votes on two Gay rights measures. One proposal would have banned adoptions by Gay people in Washington, D.C.; the other would prohibit the use of federal funds for a San Francisco ordinance requiring benefits for "unmarried domestic partners." Foley voted against both measures, saying Congress should not meddle with issues decided at the local level. But Foley confirmed that he voted for DOMA, which denies federal recognition of same-sex unions, and said he does not support adoptions by Gays.

Factor, apparently, was unconvinced. "He's clearly in favor of Gay rights, and he refuses to address that issue to a mostly conservative crowd," Factor said.

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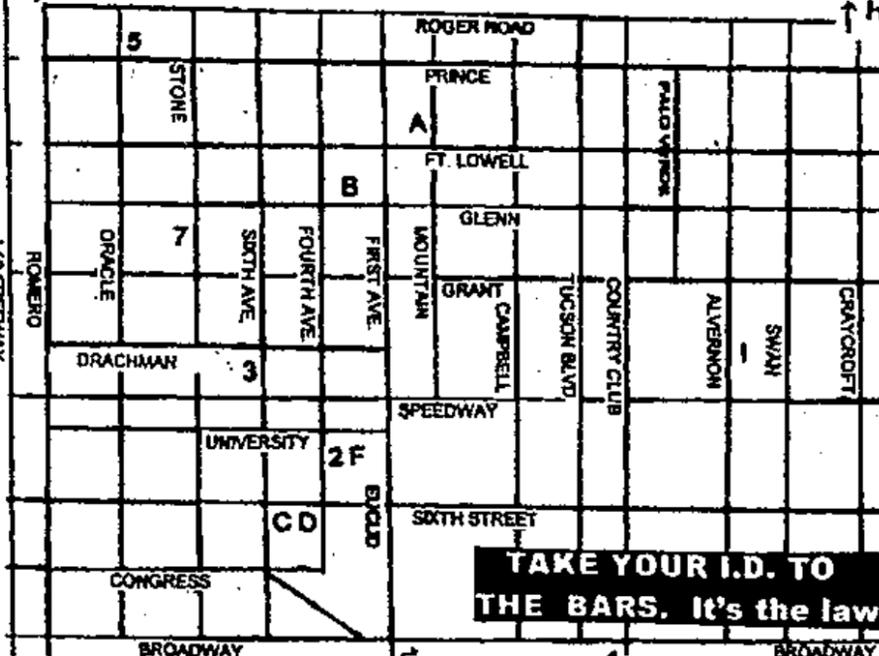
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I am just sick and tired of condoms. I want to feel a real man in a real way. I have been using condoms for years, but I remember not using them all too well. Is there anything else out there we can use besides condoms? Please help before I slip off the edge and end up with AIDS.

Hungry

Dear Hungry,

Don't feel so alone! I have been there and done that. There are many guys that hate them as much as you do. Unfortunately, condoms are all we have right now and microbicides are years away. Female condoms are another alternative if the top does not want to wear a condom but the bottom still wants to be protected. If you don't use condoms, you and your partner are at risk for infection for many STD's, including HIV. I have found that when I really want the skin-to-skin contact, and am hating condoms, a really good fingering can help. This sounds kind of weak, but it's that contact, and the feeling of doing something unsafe, hot, and taboo that makes us want that rubberless F#\$@. So find a guy with a thick finger and take a ride. If this doesn't help at all, or seem like a viable option, I'm sorry. **YOU ARE NOT ALONE.** I cannot stress this enough. Lots of men hate them, and that is okay. Just remember how bad you would feel if you

got infected or infected someone. The consequences of not using condoms are worse than wearing them and dealing with them. Talk to your friends, or call one of mine at the Gay Men's Health Project to discuss this further (628-7223). You may be at a crossroads and at a very high-risk place in your life. That's okay too; just don't give up. If you are just venting, I'm proud of you. It's good therapy. Thanks for bringing up a very real issue, and revealing your feelings.

Dear Dr. X

I seem to bring guys home that are to drunk to be any fun in bed. What's up with that? I just want some hot fun.

Sober

Dear Sober

I think you know the answer. When you meet a guy at the bar you have no idea how much he has already had to drink or what his tolerance level is. I would suggest you try to have a little dialog with him about this before you get him home. Nobody enjoys having his partner pass out. Remember he may have had a different agenda. He may have wanted to just get toasted, dance, and pass out with a hot guy. Maybe you could try him in the morning. We've all been there and have had the same disappointments. I avoid buying someone a drink until I get a read on the situation. You may need to be clearer with the prospective hottie about your agenda so he keeps a clear head for the festivities. I've said this a million times, the answer is communication about safer sex, drugs and alcohol and everything else that can impact your life.

(Send your questions to Dr. X at gmhp@saaf.org or mail them to SAAF/GMHP, 375 S. Euclid, Tucson, AZ 85719. You can also check out Dr. X online at gmhp.org. Thank you for touching our lives with your spirit, John. You are missed already. P.S. We made cookies.)

**Pro-G/L Contract**

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can take five paid days off—and more in certain situations—if his or her domestic partner or one of the domestic partner's family members, such as a parent or a child, becomes sick or dies. In addition, the contract allows for 12 weeks of unpaid leave with benefits, the same benefit provided to married couples in the 1993 federal Family and Medical Leave Act. Heterosexual couples must be married to receive those benefits, but same-sex couples do not have the option of marriage, Barnett said.

Pennsylvania is the eighth state to extend that kind of benefit, whether paid or unpaid, to the domestic partners of its Gay and Lesbian employees, according to the Gay rights group Human Rights Campaign. The contract does not include the more expensive health-care benefits. Ten other states do provide health-care insurance for domestic partners of Gay state employees.

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# NON-BAR CALENDAR

GROUPS / CLUBS / ORGANIZATIONS

## WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 13

Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. Join Bruce for Canasta. If you don't know how to play, we'll be glad to teach you. For reservations and directions, please call Bruce at 743-3890.

Tucson Prime Timers Video Night - 7:00 p.m. Non pornographic movies with Gay themes are shown. Phone: 740-0620

## FRIDAY, AUGUST 15

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

7-9 p.m. Mastering Masturbation. Intro to Tantra, bring some juice to share. Call 881-4582 for information.

## SATURDAY, AUGUST 16

#1. Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:30 a.m. Join Jack for a morning of Volleyball. This is played for fun, and you'll get to know some nice guys as you play. For details and directions, please call Jack at 881-5733.

#2. Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. Karol 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 Karol at 744-90174.

Tucson Prime Timers Lunch/Business Meeting - Noon, Home Town Buffet, 5101 N. Oracle Rd.

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

## SUNDAY, AUGUST 17

3:30 - 6:00 p.m. the Men's Group Massage meets. A great way to meet new men and make friends. Be nude dude and have some clean fun. Fee. Call Marc at 881-4582 for information and to reserve a place.

## MONDAY, AUGUST 18

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 591-2828.

## TUESDAY, AUGUST 19

Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. Join the men of MSN for an evening out at Rainbow Planet. This is a chance to have a cup of coffee and chat with the men of MSN.

Tucson Prime Timers Lunch - 12:30 p.m. The Wildcat House, 1800 N. Stone Ave.

## WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 20

Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. Join Karol for Canasta. If you don't know how to play, we'll be glad to teach you. For reservations and directions, 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

## THURSDAY, AUGUST 21

#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 Bill at 546-7529.

#2. Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:30 p.m. Bill shows "P.S. Your Cat is Dead", a comedy about a man who's had a very bad week and a tied up burglar in his kitchen. For reservations and directions, please call Bill at 546-7529.

10:00 p.m. The Men's Relationship Group meets that includes a video on tantra. A great way to meet new men and make friends. Call Marc 881-4582 to reserve a space

## FRIDAY, AUGUST 22

Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. Join Bruce for a Game Night and Pool Party at his home. All board and card games will be available for play, and you can also enjoy the pool. For reservations and directions, please call Bruce at 743-3890.

Tucson Prime Timers Dinner - 6:00 p.m. Maxim's Chinese Restaurant, 6440 E. Broadway

## SATURDAY, AUGUST 23

#1. Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:30 a.m. Arlan hosts a Road Trip to the Patagonia area, with side trips to ghost towns and a food stop. Space is limited. For more information and reservations, please call Arlan at 323-7414.

#2. Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. Marv hosts 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.

## SUNDAY, AUGUST 24

Tantra Workshop 3-6 p.m. A new approach to sex. Discover a safe/better sex approach for fun and relationship. Call Marc a (881-4582).

# Beer & Mimosas

## Of Upcoming Events

## WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 13

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - 50¢ UV Shots. \$2.75 Smimoff Ice. Give-Aways 9:00 to 11:00 p.m. Hip Hop with DJ Senna 9-1.

IBT's - 9:00 p.m. Divalicious Show hosted by Lucinda Holliday and starring Jance Starr, Tori Steele and Veronica Halliwell.

## THURSDAY, AUGUST 14

VENTURE-N - Torn-N-Tattered Party 6:00 p.m. to close.

## FRIDAY, AUGUST 15

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - Hip Hop Friday and Shot Specials every half hour, \$1 Hot Sex Shots or Puckers all night!@ Dj Hill 9:00 to close.

## SATURDAY, AUGUST 16

IBT's - Get your free tickets for two to the advance screening of the movie "Camp" which opens Aug. 22. The preview screening will be held Tuesday, Aug. 19. There are only so many tickets available so get their by 9:00 p.m. when they begin to hand them out.

WOODY'S - Bears of the Old Pueblo Beer Bust 3:00 to 7:00 p.m.

## SUNDAY, AUGUST 17

IBT's - Party line-up includes Troy's Recovery Bar from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. \$1.75 Bloody Marys, Screwdrivers or Mimosas. 3:00 p.m. still close. Sagria Party \$2.50 Sangrias. 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. 8:00 p.m. it's Sissy Bingo with Ajia Simone. 9:00 p.m. Special Benefit Show for Bunny FuFu candidate for Miss Gay America starting Bunny FuFu, Jance Starr, Faith Michaels, Veronica Halliwell and Teri Aki.

## TUESDAY, AUGUST 19

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - Twister Tuesday. Budweiser Promo - \$2.00 Bottled Bud during promo 9:00 to 10:30 p.m. Country Music 9:00 p.m. to close. No Cover.

VENTURE-N - Torn -N-Tattered Party 6:00 p.m. to close.

## WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 20

IBT's - The Divalicious Show hosted by Lucinda Holliday and starring Samantha White, Lady Ashley and Jance Starr.

## SATURDAY, AUGUST 23

VENTURE-N - Jungle Party 6:00 to close. Contest at 11:00 p.m. Free Loincloths. Jungle Juice Specials. Live DJ. Contest at 11:00 p.m.

## THURSDAY, AUGUST 28

VENTURE-N - Steak Night 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. \$5.00. Your meat or theirs. They provide the sides.

## FRIDAY, AUGUST 29

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - Hip Hop Friday and Shot Specials every half hour, \$1 Hot Sex Shots or Puckers all night!@ Dj Hill 9:00 to close.

## MONDAY, AUGUST 25

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 591-2828.

Tucson Prime Timers Lunch - 12:30 p.m. The Wildcat House, 1800 N. Stone Ave.

## TUESDAY, AUGUST 26

#1. Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. Join the men of MSN for an evening out at Rainbow Planet. This is a chance to have a cup of coffee and chat with the men of MSN.

#2. Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. Michael hosts Bridge Night. If you don't know how to play, they'll teach you and it's a very relaxed atmosphere. For reservations and directions, please call Michael at 326-3555.

## WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 27

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

## SATURDAY, AUGUST 30

Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. Join Bill for an evening of Pinochle. If you don't know how to play, the guys will teach you in a relaxed atmosphere. For directions, please call Bill at 297-3569.

Tucson Prime Timers Food & Drinks - 5 p.m. Woody's, 3710 N. Oracle Rd.

## MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

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 591-2828.

## TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. Join the men of MSN for an evening out at Rainbow Planet. This is a chance to have a cup of coffee and chat with the men of MSN.

# Daily Bar Calendar

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

WOODY'S - Open Noon. \$2 well or domestic beer til 8pm. Volleyball games start 7pm. Underwear- fetish- leather nite w/Gary and Chris along with GIMP. \$1 off any drink or bottled beer. (Excludes draft & schnapps) for all in leather or underwear.

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

### Thursday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Open 2pm. Happy Hour 2-7pm with 2-4-1 domestic beer and well. Karaoke 9-close. \$2 Kamikazees and \$1 Hot Sex. IBT's - Open 11am. Happy Hours 11am-8pm, \$2 domestic beer and well. 4-9. HI NRG video dancing with Johnny DJ 9-1 All drink specials not available during special events.

NOVEMBER BAR & GRILL - Open noon. Grill open noon-8pm. Happy Hour 4-7pm. 10oz Sirloin Steak w/potato & salad 5:30-8pm, \$6.99.

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 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. 4-9pm. Undie Mondie-Happy Hour prices for those in their undies 9pm-close. Queer As Folk shown beginning at 8pm. Hot Dancing follows with Johnny DJ. All drink specials not available during special events.

NOVEMBER BAR & GRILL - Open Noon. Happy Hour 4-7pm. \$1.75 Domestic Beer. Free Pool 8pm to close. \$1.50 Jellos & Mimosas 6pm to close.

VENTURE-N - Open 10am. Pato 5pm. Daily specials til 7pm. 4-8 \$2.25 Martinis

WOODY'S - Open Noon \$2 well or domestic beer til 8pm Karaoke w/Michael D. 9-1

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

### Saturday

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

IBT's - 10am-5pm \$4 Martinis and Daquans 10am-8pm \$2 domestic beer and well. Dance Party 9-1 w/DJ-Q All drink specials not available during special events.

NOVEMBER BAR & GRILL - Open noon-1am Grill open 1-7pm. Margaritas \$3.69pm-close. Latino Nite. Beer Bust (1st Saturday of the Month) Drag Show (last Saturday of month) Free SAAF HIV testing

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 4-9pm \$1.75 well or domestics. Pato Bar opens 5pm - 5:30pm 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

### Sunday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - Open 2pm. Happy Hour 2-4-1 domestic beer and well from 2-7pm. 90s retro music 9pm - close. \$1.25 pitchers of Bud/Bud Light or \$1 Tequila shots 8-1.

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

NOVEMBER BAR & GRILL - Open noon-1am Happy Hour 4-7pm. plus drink specials. Shrimp Fry Dinner 5-9pm \$5.99. Karaoke 8pm-close.



**NOTICES**

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

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**AA Meeting with HIV/AIDS focus, Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m., Wingspan Annex, 739 N. 4<sup>th</sup> Ave.** 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 690-9565 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

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

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

**COMMUNITY BUSINESS ASSOCIATION (CBA)**, Tucson's Gay and Lesbian business networking group holds regular meetings the third Thursday of every month. Call 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 6pm. Tucson Pride events: Pride Week, Gay West and DUToberFEST. 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

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**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), 8:00 p.m. Information 624-1779.

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

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**ARIZONA AIDS POLICY ALLIANCE (AZAPA)** seeks to educate legislators and citizens about sound AIDS policy. For more information write AZAPA, 8523 N. 14<sup>th</sup> St., #112, Phoenix, AZ 85014 or call 602-279-4805.

**DESERT DOMINION**, whose focus is providing information and education for people interested in the BDSM lifestyle, meets monthly for group discussion and social events. Visit our web site http://www.deseridominion.org or call (520)792-6424

**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 Miro Stone, MSW, at 327-1171 (if unavailable leave message with phone number).

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

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

**TUCSON CATHOLIC GAY & LESBIAN FAMILY MINISTRY.** Currently meeting the 4th Monday of every month at SS Peter & Paul Church, Madonna Hall 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Fr. Fiedler in attendance every meeting and willing to speak one on one. Reaching out to Parents and Families. For more info call Doc or Barbara 293-6624.

**SAA (Sex Addicts Anonymous)** has 5 meetings a week in Tucson. People who wish to stop their compulsive sexual behavior, please call (520) 745-0775 for current information.

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

**LUTHERANS CONCERNED - Tucson chapter for Gay/Lesbian Lutherans** meets 3rd Sunday, 6:30 p.m. each month at Santa Cruz Lutheran Church, 8809 S. Cardinal Ave. For information visit www.lctucson.org write: LC, 7014 E. Golf Links Road, PMB 212, Tucson, AZ 85730.

**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 (606 North 4th Ave.) as a social outing. For more information call the church at 299-9063 and ask for a contact person.

**HIKE & BIKE DYKES.** Meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday at 7pm. Call 327-7239 for info.

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

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

**GAY COWBOY CLUB - Nationwide Personal Ads.** Admins welcome too. Send stamp for information. Mavencs, 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. 579-9020

**ABUSIVE RELATIONSHIPS:** Confidential individual group support for Gay, Bisexual or Trans men who - 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 517-3100 for more info.

**TGNetArizona:** The central source for news and information for, by and about the TG, TG, and Gender-variant communities of Arizona. Website URL: http://www.tgnetarizona.org - e-mail address: aigoodrum@uswest.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

**SOUTHERN ARIZONA STONEWALL DEMOCRATS** meet 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month 7pm at 4639 E. First Street. Call Jesse 743-4320 or Maureen 323-2293. All LGBT Democrats and supporters welcome. TucsonStonewall@aol.com

**NOTICES**

**HALLELUJAH RECOVERY DRUG & ALCOHOL 12-STEP.** Every Thursday 5:30-6:30pm at Cornerstone Fellowship, 2902 N. Geronimo. 622-4626.

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

**SOUTHERN ARIZONA AIDS FOUNDATION (SAAF)**, 375 S. EUCLID. Office Hours 8am to 5pm, Monday through Friday. Direct services and emotional support for persons with and affected by HIV. Anonymous HIV testing and support groups available. Prevention education programs. 628-SAAF (7223). World wide web: http://www.saaaf.org. VOLUNTEERS WELCOME.

**LESBIAN SUPPORT GROUP.** Involving discussion, support and activities. Designed to support each other. Meets 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month from 8:30 to 9pm. Alternate Saturdays the group meets for social activities. For info call Dorian Easty 882-7723 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 575-8660 or write P.O. Box 36264, 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 615-3491, leave name and phone number.

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

**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 of visit our website at www.bolop.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 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 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.

**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 325-9486 or Ray at 749-5247.

**LIGHTNING 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 Family! For more information call Debbie 579-9827 or David 323-7943.

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

**DESERT VOICES, Tucson's Gay & Lesbian Chorus.** Want to join? E-mail: www.desertvoices.org or call 791-9662.

Join the **LESBIAN & GAY PUBLIC AWARENESS PROJECT.** In Tucson write Awareness Project, 3661 N. Campbell Ave. #365, Tucson, AZ 85719.

**GLBT Buddhist meditation group** meets Sundays from 9:30 - 11:00 a.m. at the Wingspan annex space, 739 N. 4th Ave. Please be willing to sit for two twenty minute sessions in silence. All are welcome.

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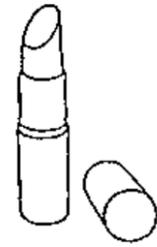
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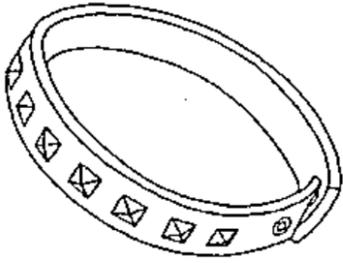
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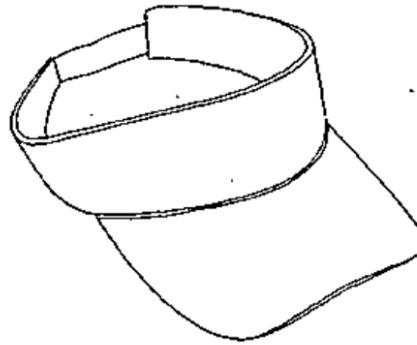
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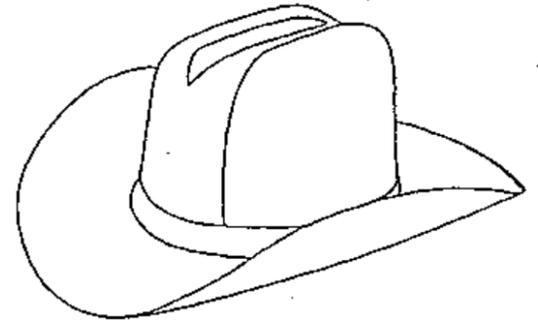
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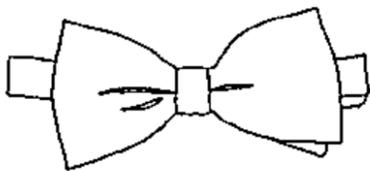
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