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Gay Former Tempe Mayor Takes Helm At GLAAD



Former Tempe, Arizona Mayor Neil Giuliano

TEMPE - The former four-term mayor of Tempe, Ariz., is the new president of the Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLAAD), the advocacy group announced on Wednesday (August 17), the PlanetOut Network reported.

Neil Giuliano earned national headlines as one of the most visible openly Gay mayors during his tenure in office. The moderate Republican was elected for four terms and served as mayor from 1994 to 2003.

He publicly revealed he is Gay in 1996. He has said in the past that the religious right forced him out, thinking it would eliminate his political chances, but he proved he had staying power, winning his election in 2000 with 70 percent of the vote. He also handily beat a recall effort spearheaded in part by anti-Gay groups such as the Family Research Council and the Traditional Values Coalition.

The groups involved in the recall effort criticized Giuliano for pushing a "homosexual agenda." The effort started after Giuliano supported his city manager's announcement that city employees weren't to donate to the United Way because the local chapter had been sending donations to the Boy Scouts, which doesn't allow Gay members or troop leaders. After facing much criticism for this decision, Giuliano reversed his opinion and

recommended to the city council that employees make their own decisions about donating to the United Way.

Under Giuliano's leadership, Tempe passed a nondiscrimination ordinance that includes sexual orientation and gender identity. It also added domestic partnership benefits for city employees. In 2003 Tempe was honored with the All American City Award. He is credited with revitalized Tempe's downtown and even built a town lake.

In addition to serving as mayor, Giuliano has 25 years of professional leadership experience with Arizona State University. He was director for their federal government relations program, director of community relations and co-chair of the final 2004 presidential debate, which was held on the ASU campus.

Giuliano said in a statement that he was excited and honored to take on this new leadership role with GLAAD.

"From anti-defamation campaigns to media trainings that directly serve our community leaders, GLAAD brings our stories to life in the very places that hold the key to winning our quest for equality," Giuliano said.

He starts Sept. 1 and replaces Joan Garry, who served as GLAAD's president for the past eight years.

Starbuck's Targeted By Right-Wing Group For Cup Quotes

NEW YORK - Starbuck's promotional program called "The Way I See It" - a collection of thoughts provided by notable figures appearing on the company's coffee cups - has raised the hackles of one of the country's most strident anti-Gay, anti-women's rights groups in the country, gfn.com reported.

The Concerned Women of America, a "traditional family values" organization run by Beverly LaHaye, wife of fundamentalist preacher Rev. Tim LaHaye, a Christian broadcaster, has targeted Starbucks for promoting "homosexual values" by including quotes from Gay individuals on their coffee cups, and for the company's support of a San Diego Gay pride event.

In an article entitled "Starbucks Funds and Promotes Homosexual Activism," the Concerned Women of America Web site points to an email from a member of the California chapter of CWA that called San Diego's annual Gay Pride a "pretty disturbing" event "with sexually oriented venues."

The writer of the email, Meghan Kleppinger, an assistant to the national field director of the organization, said she was alarmed that the two-day festival included activities for children, since, claimed the email, it was discovered that at least two registered sex offenders volunteered to assist San Diego Pride with this year's festival.

"If Starbucks is doing this knowingly, it is blatant irresponsibility ... All I could think was 'Starbucks hates children,'" she wrote.

Alan Hilowitz, Starbucks' media manager, said the company was aware that sex offenders volunteered for the Pride Festival, but that all of them subsequently resigned before the event began.

According to a statement by San Diego Pride Co-Chair Philip Princetta, three men connected to San Diego Pride were discovered to be sex offenders.

All were convicted of committing sexual acts with minors, and resigned from the organization before the festivities began, said Princetta at an Aug. 15 meeting at the San Diego LGBT Community Center. One of the three was a part-time employee of San Diego Pride, one was a paid contract laborer and the third was a volunteer, he said.

Kleppinger also tore into Starbucks for pushing a "homosexual agenda" by using quotes from Gay celebrities on their coffee cups, such as the one from award-winning writer Armistead Maupin, author of "Tales of the City," who is quoted saying:

"My only regret about being Gay is that I repressed it for so long. I surrendered my youth to the people I feared when I could have been out there

loving someone. Don't make that mistake yourself. Life's too damn short."

When an image of the offending cup was shown on the CWA Web site the word "damn" was blacked out.

The campaign also features quotes from other Gay celebrities including singer-songwriter Rufus Wainwright, and musician Stephin Merritt.

Starbucks started the "The Way I See It" quote program "as an extension of the coffeehouse culture - a way to promote open, respectful conversation among a wide variety of individuals." Other notable figures whose quotes appear on the cups include actor Quincy Jones, New Age author Deepak Chopra, film critic Michael Medved, Olympic medalist Michelle Kwan and coaching legend John Wooden.

Kleppinger urged readers to write to Starbucks and stop in to express in person their disappointment with the company for their support of Gay inclusion. However, Starbucks deflected the criticism, saying the company welcomed all points of view.

"As a company committed to embracing diversity and inclusion, we welcome differing points of view and realize that people express their opinions in many ways, including the Internet and in articles," said Starbucks' Hilowitz.

The coffee chain welcomes comments on the program or a specific quote via an online feedback form, available at starbucks.com or through brochures in stores.

One Of Six PWAs In U.S. Lives In New York City

NEW YORK - One out of every six people in America living with HIV/AIDS lives in New York City according to new statistics released by the city's Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, 365Gay.com reported.

Dr. Scott Kellerman, assistant commissioner for HIV prevention and control said that there are 100,000 PWAs in New York.

The figure is straining the city's ability to care for HIV/AIDS patients. During the past five years the cost of providing services has risen to nearly \$200 million a year according to a report by the New York City Independent Budget Office.

Part of the reason is the increased life expectancy of people with AIDS, the result of advanced antiretrovirals. That is also changing the type of services required, said

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UPDATE

TIHAN Update

TUCSON - Did you know that over one million people are living with HIV in the United States? How can you help? Get involved! Get active! Get educated! Share your love and change lives.

Tucson Interfaith HIV/AIDS Network (TIHAN) announced their interactive and informative volunteer training, August 27, 8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. This training is open to all who want to learn more about HIV/AIDS, gain understanding of and sensitivity to those living with HIV/AIDS and are interested in TIHAN volunteer opportunities.

Call TIHAN at (520) 299-6647 to register; pre-registration is required. The cost is \$15 and scholarships are available. TIHAN encourages people of all ages, including seniors, college and high school students to participate in this powerful and informative day. . . .

TIHAN is seeking a 30-hour/week Program Coordinator to oversee and support their volunteer-based support services and programs for people living with HIV. Requires background in program coordination, volunteer management, and social services, with working knowledge of HIV/accompanying issues, and supervisory/mentoring experience. Flexible schedule, benefit package. Pay range \$13.75-15.50 per hour depending on experience. To apply, submit resume and list of three references by August 31 to TIHAN, 492 North Alvernon Way, Tucson, Arizona 85711 or e-mail to friends@tihan.org. AA/EOE . . .

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customers in order to do a "turn-about" from male to female (or vice versa) and put on a show to benefit TIHAN's work in the community.

The "Turnabout for TIHAN" benefit show will take place on Sunday, September 4 (during Labor Day weekend) at the Inn Suites Hotel and Conference Center (St. Mary's and Granada). The doors open at 5:30 p.m., and the show starts at 7:00 p.m. Tickets are only \$12.50 in advance, or \$15.00 at the door. Admission includes the show and a light buffet at 5:30 p.m. The evening also features a raffle with some great prizes. Tickets can be purchased now by calling (520) 299-6647.

Desert Voices Open House Aug. 29

TUCSON - Singers of all genders, ages, and sexual orientations are invited to the Desert Voices Open House Rehearsal on Monday, August 29, 6:30 p.m. at Water of Life MCC, 3269 N. Mountain.

If you are considering joining the chorus or even if you're just curious about Desert voices, you are invited to come and meet director, Chris Tackett and chorus members on Monday. New members participate in a brief voice check to determine their part in the chorus. Membership dues are paid annually or per show, and some scholarships are available.

Desert Voices is proud to note that they represent a true cross section of the community, and pride themselves on being inclusive, friendly and fun as well as musically delightful. Board President, Mae Krueger, is quick to point out that the group is made up of people from all of the GLBT&S initials. "At our first open

house on August 15, I was thrilled to watch as returning members and new members mingled together like old friends. Chorus members all genuinely enjoy each other's company, and take their singing seriously, and I know it shows in our music," Krueger said.

The chorus will present two concerts this season singing songs of GLBT pride, hope and laughter for the Southeastern Arizona communities. Chorus members work with director Tackett to choose music and develop their shows, weaving together familiar songs, personal experiences, laughter and outrageous parodies to create a unique theatrical event.

If you are interested in singing with Desert Voices, or just in learning more about the chorus and their mission, please come to the Open Rehearsal, or call their office at (520)791-9662 for more information. You can also email the chorus at info@desertvoices.org. Come and discover why everyone is talking about Desert Voices and the work they are doing in the Tucson GLBT community.

Join Arizona Together And Defeat The PMAA

TUCSON (ON) - The effort continues in the ongoing battle against the Center for Arizona Policy (CAP), the right-wing, homophobic group spearheading the Protect Marriage Arizona amendment (PMAA)

If approved the PMAA would define marriage as consisting of "one man and one woman," and prohibits the recognition or creation of any legal status for any unmarried persons similar to marriage. This measure would strip away many benefits, including health and dental coverage, currently offered to the domestic partners, same and opposite sex, of employees for the governmental entities which offers these as well as affected many state laws and private business policies. With the PMAA, Gays and Lesbians will lose access to petition their grievances in a court of law on such matters.

One thing is clear, once the state Constitution is amended, there is no going back and we must stop those individuals, such as CAP, who insist on mandating their discriminatory will upon the rest of the state. No one is safe, regardless of their station in life. No one should feel comfortable, since this measure will affect every Gay and Lesbian so the time for involvement is now!

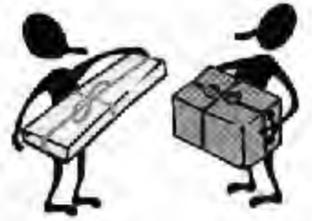
On Friday, September 9 and Saturday, September 10, Arizona Together volunteers will be out and about at several Tucson GLBT bars, restaurants and clubs with information about the PMAA, conducting voter registration, and spreading the word about the radical right-wing supporters of the bigoted measure.

With this upcoming event, word will be spread about the PMAA but if the volunteers are limited in number, the message can only get so far. Arizona Together needs your help in this and for other planned events, including:

A table at annual Wingspan Dinner (Saturday, September 24); the Pima County/Tucson Women's Commission celebration of the anniversary of the Nineteenth Amendment granting women the right to vote in the U.S. (Monday, September 26); the Domestic Partner Registry Drive at OUToberFEST (Saturday, October 8); Arizona Together participating in the pride parade as well as the block party taking place after the annual Fourth Avenue event (Sunday, October 9); and Arizona Together's National Coming Out Day event in Tucson, (Tuesday, October 11).

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EDITORIAL

Gov. Janet Napolitano and Attorney General Terry Goddard have given their okay to the new voting rules developed by Secretary of State Jan Brewer.

The rules were required by Proposition 200, which Arizona voters approved in November 2004. Brewer, a Republican and a Proposition 200 supporter, drafted regulations that were more restrictive and disenfranchising than the proposition required. Goddard and Napolitano, Democrats who had come out against Proposition 200, opposed Brewer's proposal until several issues were finally resolved.

With the passage of Proposition 200, it is now required that evidence of United States citizenship be presented by every person to register to vote and proof of identification also be presented by every voter at the polling place prior to voting.

If you are currently registered to vote, and have your driver's license or a state identification card, issued after October 1, 1996, and it lists your name and current address, take the identification card to the polls to vote.

If you are not registered to vote and you want to register, you will need to provide:

Arizona Driver's License number or non-operating identification license number issued after October 1, 1996. Put the identification number in the proper space noted on the voter registration form.

The following is for people who have just moved to Arizona:

1. A legible photocopy of a driver's license or non-operating identification license issued by another state that identifies United States Citizenship on the license.

2. A legible photocopy of a birth certificate that verifies United

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3. A legible photocopy of your United States passport containing your name and passport number.

4. A legible photocopy of United States naturalization documents or the number of the certification of naturalization. If only the number is provided, it will need to be verified before the voter registration can be processed.

For Native-Americans wishing to register to vote, you must provide the following.

A Bureau of Indian Affairs Card Number, Tribal Treaty Card Number, or Tribal Enrollment Number. Put the identification number in the proper space noted on the voter registration form.

If you have to cast a provisional ballot, the voter must show either one form of identification that bears the name, address, and photograph of the elector or two different forms of identification that bear the name and address of the elector, such as a water or telephone bill.

The Observer didn't support Proposition 200 but this is now the election law in Arizona and must be unfortunately followed and obeyed until either through repeal of the Proposition or struck down in the courts. For more information, call the Pima County Recorder's office, (520) 740-4350.

Is there an option in lieu for voters and those newly registered voters who've gotten over the hurdles placed before them by the proponents of Proposition 200? Yes, even with the passage of this discriminatory measure, persons don't have to go through all this to cast a ballot at the polls and choose the option of casting a mail-in ballot. Observer columnist Mark R. Kerr discusses this option in his column in this week's edition.

One Of Six PWAs Live In NYC

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Budget Office spokesperson Dough Turetsky.

The Department of Human Resources, which oversees the administration of HIV/AIDS funds, says that it has transformed from primarily serving the terminally ill to providing a wider rater and more complex services.

More and more, home care is required by people who do not need hospitalization. Greater public assistance; and transitional and permanent housing is also required.

But while costs are escalating federal funding is not.

"The biggest issue is the lack of funding and recourses from federal

government," Lynn Schulman, a spokesperson for the Gay Men's Health Crisis told 365Gay.com.

"The government has flat funded the HIV/AIDS budget in the last three budgets."

When inflation is factored in less money than four years ago is currently being spent on AIDS related services.

"Plus, a lot of funding goes to faith based groups that promote abstinence," said Schulman.

The result is New York City taxpayers left paying a higher cost in treating and servicing people with AIDS than most states.





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Turnabout for TIHAN Sept. 4

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The "Turnabout for TIHAN" benefit show will take place on Sunday, September 4 (during Labor Day weekend) at the InnSuites Hotel and Conference Center (St. Mary's and Granada). The doors open at 5:30pm, and the show starts at 7:00pm. Tickets are only \$12.50 in advance, or \$15.00 at the door. Admission includes the show and a light buffet at 5:30pm. The evening also features a raffle with some great prizes. Tickets can be purchased now by calling 299-6647 or at participating bars Ain't Nobody's Bizness, Howl at the Moon, IBT's, Woody's, and Yard Dog Saloon.

"Turnabout for TIHAN" is the second-largest benefit for TIHAN, and last year this event raised over \$10,000—all of it going directly to support HIV education and support programs right here in Tucson.

For 11 years, TIHAN (the Tucson Interfaith HIV/AIDS Network) has been at the forefront of a compassionate response to

the AIDS crisis. TIHAN is a diverse coalition of faith communities committed to a compassionate response to AIDS. Last year in 2004 (the 10-year anniversary of the organization), TIHAN served 272 people living with HIV/AIDS, added its 36th member faith community, provided AIDS education to 2,000 adults and 1,000 youth, and served its 5,000th meal at Poz Cafe, which was named by the Community Foundation for Southern Arizona as one of the three most innovative programs among small non-profits in Tucson in 2004.

TIHAN is a volunteer-based program that offers vital support services for those who are infected with HIV, providing very personalized support. And by focusing its AIDS education efforts in our faith communities, TIHAN is addressing the stigma of AIDS, and targeting groups with huge potential for compassion. TIHAN receives no government funding, and is funded solely through generous donations from individuals, foundations, and fundraising events such as "Turnabout for TIHAN."

The performer who raises the most money in sponsorships wins a \$100 gift certificate for dinner at the restaurant of their choice, so sponsor your favorite bartender now! If you'd like, you can even sponsor your favorite bar staff online (a secured VeriSign Secured website linked to TIHAN) <https://payments.auctionpay.com/ver3/?id=w011392>

LGBT Ally Coretta Scott King Battles Paralysis

ATLANTA - Doctors for the 78-year old widow of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. say she is mostly paralyzed on the right side of her body and is mostly unable to speak.

Coretta Scott King suffered a heart attack and stroke Tuesday, August 16.

Dr. Maggie Mermin, King's personal physician, said that the stroke affected the left side of her brain, which controls speech functions.

Mermin said Mrs King was able to speak a few words on the weekend in what she called an encouraging sign. Mrs King is working with a speech therapist, but, "I'm not certain she'll have full recovery," Mermin said.

King has for a number of years spoken out in favor of LGBT issues - especially in support of same-sex marriage and against the proposed federal amendment to ban Gay marriage in the Constitution.

In March 2004 King in a speech at



Coretta Scott King

Richard Stockton College in New Jersey affirmed her belief that same-sex marriage is a civil rights issue.

"Gay and Lesbian people have families, and their families should have legal protection, whether by marriage or civil union," King said.

"A constitutional amendment banning same-sex marriages is a form of Gay bashing and it would do nothing at all to protect traditional marriages."

She has frequently denounced other black leaders who support amending the Constitution.

King has frequently said that her late husband also supported Gay rights and saw it as a civil rights issue.

Last December she distanced herself from an Atlanta march organized by a prominent local black preacher who said Martin Luther King would have opposed Gay marriage. King's daughter, Bernice King, attended the rally - speaking out against Gays and same-sex marriage.

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Krueger, Rupel & Altman To Be Honored At Wingspan Dinner

TUCSON - On September 24, 2005, at the 8th Annual Wingspan Benefit Dinner and Awards Ceremony, three community members will be recognized for their who have leadership, compassion, and commitment to Southern Arizona's LGBT community.

The Godat Award will be presented to Mae Krueger. This award, named after its first recipient, Ken Godat (1998), is to honor a lifetime of outstanding service to Southern Arizona's LGBT community. Mae was selected to receive this award as a local artist and social activist who has drawn upon her leadership skills and artistic talent to build community and bring music to the people of Southern Arizona.

Under Mae's leadership, the chorus has become a symbol of building bridges, broadening diversity, and creating community. Calling the group "a voice for those who have no voice," she has helped bring focus to community outreach. Desert Voices has recently performed not only at LGBT events like the Freedom to Marry Rally and OUToberfest, but has also lent its talent to the Winter Lights Festival and the Holocaust Exhibit at the Jewish Community Center.

Mae joined the Desert Voices Chorus in 1996, when financial struggles and low morale had many members wondering if the chorus would survive. Expertly balancing fiscal responsibility and hard-nosed realism with a dream of what the chorus could be, Mae stepped in as Board President and things started looking up for the group. They have been in the black ever since, allowing them to look at a broader vision of the chorus a community service organization for Southern Arizona's LGBT community.

Mae has also demonstrated bold leadership and commitment to the community through her inspirational work on the Habitat for Humanity Rainbow Build, and as a member of the Tucson GLBT Chamber of Commerce (formerly CBA). She and her partner Gerry Oldenski have helped numerous non-profits and businesses through their software consulting and training company, DynaSet

The Godat Award and the Community Ally Award winners are selected by a diverse committee of community members, leaders, and previous award winners. The Steve Hall Award winner is selected by Wingspan.

All three awards will be presented at the 8th Annual Dinner at the Tucson Convention Center on September 24, 2005. Tickets are \$85, and available by calling Wingspan at 520-624-1779.



MAE KRUEGER

The Godat Award is named for Ken Godat, past president of Wingspan's Board of Directors and longtime supporter of Wingspan and the LGBT community. Past recipients of the Godat Award are Ken Godat (1998), Jean Baker (1999), Colette Barajas (2000), Ana "Bertie" Lozano (2001), Bob Ellis (2002), Alexander John Goodrum (2003), and Dr. Alan Storm (2004).



TIM RUPEL

The Community Ally Award, honoring an individual who has shown outstanding support of Southern Arizona's LGBT community, will be presented to Detective Tim Rupel of the Tucson Police Department. In order to increase the reporting of hate crimes and bias-motivated incidents, Detective Rupel has helped establish procedures to make reporting as easy as possible, including the availability of confidential reporting. As a result, the reporting of hate crimes against LGBT people has steadily increased in recent years.

The Community Ally Award recognizes a straight ally who has shown outstanding support of Southern Arizona's LGBT community. Past recipients of the Community Ally Award are Ernesto Portillo Jr. (2001), George Miller (2002), Reverend David Wilkinson (2003) and J. Kevin Carmichael (2004).



KATHY ALTMAN

The 2005 Hall Award will be presented to Kathy Altman, longtime Wingspan supporter and Board member, for her dedication and perseverance in working towards Wingspan's mission.

Kathy has served on the Wingspan Board of Directors for six years, including nearly three years as President of the Board. She was instrumental in helping transition Wingspan from a volunteer-run organization to one with professional staff. She was, and continues to be, a driving force behind Wingspan's success.

Kathy has helped organize and run countless community forums and has led various volunteer programs and activities during her time at Wingspan. Her background in public health and work as a physician's assistant made her uniquely qualified to run the lesbian cancer and health project in its early days. Most recently, Kathy coordinated the Rainbow Build Habitat for Humanity project, which was the first Habitat project sponsored solely by LGBT and LGBT-friendly people and organizations and garnered national media coverage.

The Hall Award is given to an individual who makes outstanding volunteer contributions to further Wingspan's mission of promoting the freedom, equality, safety and well being of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender people. The award is named after Steve Hall, a former Wingspan Board member and volunteer who died in 2001. Kathy had the opportunity to work with Steve Hall and was chosen as this year's recipient because she best exemplifies his spirit, commitment, dedication, and passion for Wingspan's work.

Past recipients of the Hall Award are Stephen Hall (2001), Jim Sincox (2002), Lavina E. Tomer (2003) and David Eyde (2004).

Homophobia Mars Gay Day At Phillies Game

Enquirer.

PHILADELPHIA - For the third year in a row a militant evangelical Christian group has disrupted the Philadelphia Phillies tribute to Gay fans, 365Gay.com reported.

The night was billed as Gay Community Night at the ballpark as the team played the Washington Nationals. The Philadelphia Gay Men's Chorus sang the national anthem and Cyd Ziegler the founder of Outsports.com threw the opening pitch.

But as hundreds of Gay fans and their friends were settling down to watch the game two members from Repent America held up a large banner that read: "Homosexuality Is a Sin, Christ Can Save You". The pair were cheered on by other members of the group sitting in the same row.

The protest drew large jeers and boos from various parts of Citizens Bank Park and at one point several fans sitting in front on the protestors stood up to block the sign. They were ordered to sit down by police officers. Two other officers flanked the demonstrators to ensure that a fight did not break out.

Gay fans denounced the protest and the Phillies for allowing it to go on. But, a team spokesperson said that Repent America had a First Amendment right to voice its views.

"It's pretty clear under the Constitution that if you're going to have a Gay community night, people have the right to express another opinion." Phillies' vice-president of operations and administration Mike Stiles told the Philadelphia

"We understand it's distressing for some people to have to look at that sign. We believe the leaders of the Gay community who arrange this night like any other group know what they're going to have to put up with."

Both the Phillies and the city owned ballpark have written policies that bar fans from "interfering with other guests' ability to enjoy the game," or messages that contain "fighting words likely to provoke a breach of the peace."

Repent America president Michael Marcavage said that his group notified the team in advance that it would be protesting again this year and was told in a letter from the team's attorney that the wording of the banner would not violate the content requirements because the sign did not constitute "fighting words, per se."

Last year 10 members of Repent America marched to an area near the front of a stage at Philadelphia's Outfest and began to yell Biblical passages to drown out the events on stage.

Police attempted to get the protestors to move to to an area on the edge of the Outfest site. Instead they went deeper into the Gay crowd. Using a bullhorn they condemned homosexuality. They then got into an

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POLITICS 2005

by Mark R. Kerr

After Proposition 200 - Voting By Mail

On Tuesday, November 2, 2004, Arizona voters "drank the Kool-Aid" (Pima County voted a majority no) and approved Proposition 200, which dealt with illegal immigrants getting state services at taxpayers' expense and changing the rules pertaining to registering to vote and casting a ballot at the polls.

Arizona's laws pertaining to registering to vote and casting a ballot at the polls have changed, thanks to voters who bought the lies by the proponents of this discriminatory measure, Arizona's current Secretary of State, Republican Jan Brewer - a major supporter who drew up the new guidelines and the U.S. Justice Department controlled by Dubya and his minions, who conveniently ignored the state's history in regard to voting and minorities, and that Arizona must follow the rules set down by the federal Voting Rights Act.

Can these draconian rules change? Only through another legal challenge resulting in the striking down of the voting provisions of the measure or another vote of the people to repeal Proposition 200, so this will be part of the political spectrum in the Grand Canyon State, for the time being.

Even with all this, there is a solution to deal with these new rules, join the ever growing list of registered voters who wish to exercise their constitutional rights by casting a mail-in (early) ballot, a much more convenient way to vote, especially nowadays with Proposition 200 now the election law in Arizona.

This is becoming the preferred way to vote in Pima County. In the November 5, 2002 general election, 108,220 people cast mail-in (early) ballots while in the November 2, 2004 general election, 184,247 registered voters in Pima County mailed in their ballots.

Proposition 200 grandfathered and grandmothered all registered voters at the time the measure was voted on, November 2, 2004. For persons registered to vote at the time, all is needed is to fill out an early (mail-in) ballot request form.

Unlike in elections past, no

reasons are needed now to make the request, as it was part of the request form but state law has been changed and Proposition 200 didn't deal with these provisions so you can cast your ballot, even during these times.

For the upcoming Tucson Council elections, Primary - September 13, General - November 8, voters within the city limits can go online to: <http://www.tucsonaz.gov/clerk/ballotrequest.php> and fill out the online early (mail-in) ballot request or call the Tucson City Clerk's office, (520) 791-4213.

Every year of course there are elections, for the upcoming 2006 elections in Arizona in which many political offices on the federal, state, county and local levels will be up for consideration, as well as ballot propositions, possibly including the proposed Protect Marriage Arizona amendment (PMAA) if the wingnuts get the signatures to get on the ballot, all voters can go online to: <http://www.recorder.pima.gov/earlyreq.html> to get the details and <http://www.recorder.pima.gov/images/earlyreq.pdf>, to print out the request form, following the instructions and sending it in, or call the Pima County Recorder's Office, (520) 740-4330.

For those unfortunate new residents, the hurdles are in place and despite this, every effort must be made to register and cast a ballot.

One of the most important items people carry in their wallets, purses, fanny-packs, etc., in Arizona has become their driver's license or photo identification card. If you haven't updated the information on either one, do so.

Arizona drivers' licenses or photo identification cards, issued after 1996, according to the provisions of the proposition are acceptable, as long as they have a picture, name, and your current address, city, state and zip code.

If you are carrying an old driver's license or photo identification card, these days it is paramount that you get it updated since the wingnuts in Arizona has instituted their version of a "poll tax."

In Their Own Words



LIKE MOTHER, LIKE SON

Why doesn't President Bush feel obligated to meet with Cindy Sheehan during his vacation?

"But why should we hear about body bags, and deaths, and how many, what day it's gonna happen, and how many this or what do you suppose? Or, I mean, it's, it's not relevant. So why should I waste my beautiful mind on something like that? And watch him suffer." - Barbara Bush on "Good Morning America," March 18, 2003. The apple hasn't fallen far from the tree. . . .

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LESS POPULAR THAN NIXON DURING WATERGATE

George W. Bush's overall job approval ratings have dropped from a month ago even as Americans who approve of the way Bush is handling his job as president are turning more optimistic about their personal financial situations according to the latest survey (released August 22) from the American Research Group. Among all Americans, 36% approve of the way Bush is handling his job as president and 58% disapprove. When it comes to Bush's handling of the economy, 33% approve and 62% disapprove. Among Americans registered to vote, 38% approve of the way Bush is handling his job as president and 56% disapprove, and 36% approve of the way Bush is handling the economy and 60% disapprove. For a little perspective, recall that Richard Nixon's approval rating in the summer of 1973 (when the Watergate scandal was in full swing) was 39%, and compared to Bush, that's downright sunny.



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Local Luminaries



New Batch Of Roberts' White House Memos Raises More Alarms

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Supreme Court nominee John Roberts cautioned President Regan not to advise a frightened public at the height of the AIDS crisis that HIV could not be transmitted through casual contact, reported 365Gay.com

In a memo to Regan, released in a new batch of Roberts papers, the then White House advisor told Regan that that scientists at that time weren't completely certain how the virus is transmitted.

"I would not like to see the president reassuring the public on this point, only to find out he was wrong later," he wrote.

President Regan has been accused of doing little to calm the public or to use federal money to combat the disease.

Roberts memo to the president was included in more than 50,000 pages of Reagan-era records released to the Senate this week. The White House continues to refuse to release documents on Roberts from the period in which he served the first President Bush.

"The more we hear about John Roberts' record, the more disturbed we become," said Solmonese.

"That he counseled President Reagan against using sound science to reassure a fearful nation is a concerning revelation. Scientists from the federal government confirmed children living with AIDS posed no risk to their peers in school. Doubting the validity of experienced scientists, as John Roberts suggested, adds to the worrisome information we already have about his ability to be impartial and fair."

At the time Roberts was advising Reagan to keep silent, doctors and scientists were saying casual contact could not lead to HIV/AIDS.

A Washington Post article from August of 1985 reported that guidelines released by the Centers of Disease Control and Prevention said, "School-age children infected with the virus that causes AIDS should be allowed to attend school or day-care program."

According to a New York Times article from the same month, the

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argument with a group of Pink Angels, who screamed back. It was at that point police intervened.

Four members of Repent America, including Marcavage, were charged with ethnic intimidation, criminal conspiracy and inciting to riot. The charges carry sentences up to 47 years behind bars. But, in court, a judge dismissed the charges saying the protestors were in a public park and police had violated the group's First Amendment right to free speech.

Marcavage has a long history of trying to disrupt LGBT events. He has been arrested, detained or cited by police around the country since founding Repent America in 2002, including at a demonstration against same-sex marriages in San Francisco.



John Roberts

CDC said, "Casual person-to-person contact, as among schoolchildren, appears to pose no risk."

As early as November of 1982, the CDC said, "Airborne spread and interpersonal spread through casual contact do not seem likely."

Other memos in the batch released this week are also causing concern for Democrats, showing that Roberts was a staunch defender of the conservative policies of the Reagan administration and a

surprising critic of then-Chief Justice Warren Burger.

In one memo he criticizes the Supreme Court for its lengthy summer vacation.

"... only Supreme Court justices and schoolchildren are expected to

and do take the entire summer off," Roberts wrote on April 19, 1983.

He went on to say: "The generally accepted notion that the Court can only hear roughly 150 cases a year gives the same sense of reassurance as the adjournment of the court in July, when we know the Constitution is safe for the summer."

Crocodile Blood May Yield HIV Drug

SYDNEY - Scientists in Australia's Northern Territory say the blood from crocodiles may help in developing powerful new antibodies for humans, 365Gay.com reported.

Australia's ABC television reports that researchers from Darwin's Crocodylus Park are collecting blood samples from the giant reptiles and hope to isolate the antibodies that make them immune from most diseases.

One of those antibodies appears to destroy HIV the broadcaster reports.

Professor Mark Merchant, an American biochemist working with the Australian researchers said that in addition to being immune from most diseases crocodiles often lose limbs in territorial fighting but rarely succumb to any illnesses.

Merchant said that the team hopes to isolate the antibody chemicals that are in crocodile blood and reproduced them for use in drugs for humans. He noted that the crocodile immune system is able to send out antibodies to bacteria, attach itself, and

virtually blow up the bacteria.

"If it went on the market we wouldn't isolate them from crocodile blood, we would synthesize those," he told ABC.

"We determine the structure of that molecule and we can even play games with that molecule, maybe to make it more effective, but the base molecule is in the white blood cells we think, of the saltwater crocodile."



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California Supreme Court Upholds G/L Co-Parenting

SACRAMENTO - The California Supreme Court on Monday (August 22) upheld the rights of people in same-sex relationships to be the co-parents of their partners' children, reported 365Gay.com.

In three separate cases the justices ruled that partners have equal rights and responsibilities in raising and caring for the children.

"We perceive no reason why both parents of a child cannot be women," the court ruled.

"That result now is possible under the current version of the domestic partnership statutes, which took effect this year," the justices said in their written ruling.

"Today's decisions build on a solid foundation of California statutory and common law intended to protect California's children, regardless of the sexual orientation of their parents. These cases highlight the need for a Family Code that protects all families—all kids—equally," said Lambda Legal attorney Jennifer C. Pizer.

In each of the three cases the full names of the parents are withheld to protect the identity of the children.

The first case involved Kristine Renee H. and Lisa Ann R. When their relationship ended Kristine H., sued to have the parentage agreement she entered into with her former partner invalidated. The couple separated two years after the birth of their child.

The Supreme Court court Monday ruled that Kristine H cannot challenge the parenthood of her partner. The decision allows Lisa R to petition for visitation rights.

The second case was that of Elisa Maria B. and her partner Emily. After the couple had children, the relationship ended and Elisa stopped financially supporting twins to whom Elisa had given birth. After the birth of the children Elisa had become a stay-at-home mom.

A trial court ruled that Elisa is a parent to the children because the two women planned the family together and Elisa held the children out as her own and therefore bears financial responsibility for them. The appeals court disagreed, ruling that Elisa should not be considered the other parent to the children and has no obligations to her family.

The Supreme Court decision Monday said that both women must be regarded as parents, and as such Elisa has a financial responsibility to them.

The third case involved, a couple known as K.M. v. E.G.

The two women in this case were in a committed relationship and planned a family. K.M. donated eggs to be implanted in E.G. who carried twins to term. They raised the children together for five years before the relationship ended. When the couple separated, E.G. wanted to keep the children from her former partner and tried to sever any ties K.M. had with the children. A lower court found that since K.M. signed a waiver at the fertility clinic to donate her eggs to E.G., she had relinquished any legal ties to the children born from those eggs. The appeals court upheld that decision.

Monday, the Supreme Court said that both women are the legal parents and that K.M. could petition for visitation rights.

"The cases decided today are fully consistent with parenting decisions concerning Gay people in parts of the country with fewer protections for same-sex couples," said Pizer. "A court in Pennsylvania, for example, recently issued a strong ruling granting a Lesbian mom visitation with her daughter that had been denied solely because her ex-partner - the child's biological mother - had worked to alienate the child from her. And in Maryland, a court recently agreed that a Gay father should be allowed to object to a custody restriction barring his partner from living with him and his son."

But, Pizer warned that proposed amendments to the California Constitution could endanger parenting rights for same-sex couples.

"With today's rulings, the Supreme Court has cast a bright light on why the proposed constitutional amendment initiatives to permanently withhold marriage from same-sex couples and to eliminate most legal protections for domestic partners are discriminatory, anti-family and entirely wrong-headed."

Conference Addresses Meth & HIV Among Gay Latinos

CHICAGO - Officials at the recent National Conference on Latinos and AIDS say that crystal methamphetamine use is emerging as a leading cause for HIV infections among Gay Latino men, but they note that there are few meth awareness and prevention programs that target Latin men, the Chicago Free Press reports on Advocate.com.

"Studies show crystal meth use among Latino Gay men is similar to white Gay men. Yet there are virtually no campaigns for users or to prevent crystal meth use in Spanish," Dennis deLeon, president of the New York-based Latino Commission on AIDS, told the Free Press. But simply translating the language of meth prevention and treatment programs designed for white Gay men into Spanish will likely fail because they won't be culturally relevant to Latin men, he adds.

DeLeon also says that the considerable stigma homosexuality carries in Latin communities may play a role in increased HIV infection risks for Gay Latin men. "For Latino men who have sex with men, sexual silence imposed by the family is an important factor in HIV," he

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told the Free Press. "The silence built of fear of disclosure leads drug-using Latino men and women and Latino [men who have sex with men] to engage in more risky sexual behavior in unsafe venues."

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Bill Maher is a comedian whose opinions I find myself sharing with frightening regularity. In his latest HBO special, titled I'M SWISS, he devoted a lot of time to the subject of fat.

Perhaps his biggest idea was that our whole country is getting fatter. He seems to attribute the phenomenon to some sort of moral decay. I have my doubts.

But it's an interesting question. What could cause a whole country to get fatter? It's not McDonald's. Hamburger joints were popular in America long before anyone ever heard of McDonald's.

And what if somebody somehow did come up with a really plausible sounding explanation for America's expanding girth? How in the world could you scientifically test such an explanation? What possible experiment would be apropos?

Maher ridicules the tendency to blame the fast food joints. I wholeheartedly agree. If you want to blame a restaurant chain for making you fat, you've got to explain away the millions of people who use and love the same chain without getting fat.

Maher also makes an interesting point concerning smokers versus fat people. It's long been socially acceptable to scold and ridicule people for smoking because it ruins their health. You're making them feel bad for their own good. Being fat is not good for your health, but it's not socially acceptable to scold and ridicule people for that. How come?

Where I part company with Mr. Maher is on his apparent objection to gastric bypass surgery. He says it's like crazy gluing your nostrils shut to stop taking cocaine (which I have to admit is a pretty funny analogy).

Naturally skinny people always wonder why fat people don't just go on a diet. It seldom occurs to them that all the fat people they've ever seen have probably been on not just one but many, many diets that didn't work.

Naturally skinny people assume that dieting shouldn't be all that hard, shouldn't require all that much will power. In most cases they have no way of knowing because they've never experienced the fat problem.

A man who doesn't advertise is like one who winks in the dark: he knows he's doing it, but nobody else does.



NOTES FROM THE FOR-REAL SIDE

Fat Thoughts

by Lee Thorn

I've known plenty of fat people with great moral strength and great gobs of will power, so I doubt that their amplitude results from a deficiency in either area. And I have a real problem with naturally skinny people who adopt an unearned air of moral superiority.

Getting back to gastric bypass, why not use it if you've tried less drastic remedies and they haven't worked? Isn't it really a matter of weighing the likely benefits against the possible negative side effects and then telling the people who don't have the problem and can't understand it to go to hell?

I have a lot of personal experience with being fat, about 100 pounds overweight for much of my adult life, experience that has taught me that it's difficult to make intelligent generalizations about the subject. I've been rather rude to people who, for my own good,

suggested that I lose weight. In some cases I've been stunningly rude.

Unlike most fat people I've known, I wasn't even interested in losing weight until my obesity made my knees hurt severely. I was told by someone whose knowledge I trusted that losing just 20 pounds would ameliorate the problem.

Never being one to count calories or measure portions or stay away from "food groups," I needed a diet that suited my own temperament and didn't require any thought or planning.

Through dumb luck I thought one up. It works for me. I lost my extra 100 pounds, but I sure wouldn't recommend my diet to anyone else. In fact my friends think it's weird.

The only reason I'm sharing it here is that, as strange as it sounds, it has worked without any serious side effects for at least a couple of years and I certainly

intend to continue with it for the rest of my life. It's become so habitual that I don't even think of it as a diet anymore.

The only side effect that I'm aware of is an occasional mild case of diarrhea.

What I do is eat and drink as much of any type food that I want to. No foods are off limits and no quantities are measured. What keeps me from being fat is that I only eat every other day. On non-eating days I ingest nothing containing calories and I drink lots of diet pop.

I don't know anyone else who uses this diet. My message is that if there were a good general remedy for obesity we wouldn't see so many fat people all around us. Also, severe pain in the knees can be a great motivator.

[Thorn welcomes comments, suggestions for future columns, and tips on local skulduggery that ought to be exposed. Write to Box 85571, Tucson, AZ 85754. E-mail: Doid3@aol.com.]

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Weld Flip Flops On Same-Sex Marriage; No Show At GLBT Event



William Weld

quoted Weld in its Thursday editions (August 18) as saying he is opposed to same-sex marriage.

In early 2004, Weld urged Massachusetts lawmakers to accept same-sex marriage, rather than civil unions, as the only way to legally comply with a Massachusetts supreme judicial court decision on the issue.

In June 2004, Weld delivered the homily at the same-sex marriage ceremony of two former members of his administration. "Flip-flopping and pandering to New York conservatives is no way to begin a gubernatorial campaign," said Howard Wolfson, a spokesman for the state Democratic Party.

Weld is among a host of Republicans eyeing the GOP nomination for governor, while state attorney general Eliot Spitzer is thus far the only Democrat seeking his party's nomination for the job. Spitzer has said he favors legalizing same-sex marriage in New York.

Gays and Lesbians hoping to confront William F. Weld for his newfound opposition to same-sex marriage were disappointed when he failed to attend an LGBT youth event on Sunday, August 21. The fund raiser for Long Island Gay and Lesbian Youth was hosted by Weld's neighbor and Weld had agreed a year ago to attend.

Shortly before it got underway, Weld dropped off a donation for the Gay youth group and left for what he said was a meeting in Manhattan. His wife, Leslie Marshall, did attend however.

"Obviously, Governor Weld felt the extreme heat from his party and decided not to come," Teresa Hyndman, who helped plan the event told the New York Times. "I'm very disappointed."

ALBANY - New York's most powerful Republican legislator is miffed that former Massachusetts governor William Weld hasn't called to talk about his interest in running for governor of his native New York next year. In the wake of Republican governor George Pataki's decision not to seek a fourth term next year, the pro-Gay Weld has been calling top leaders of New York's Republican and Conservative parties in recent days to talk about his interest in becoming the nation's second two-state governor, reported the Associated Press on Advocate.com.

But he apparently overlooked senate majority leader Joseph Bruno. "If you were thinking of running for governor of New York State, would you make a phone call?" Bruno told reporters at the capitol Thursday. "I've never heard from him. I don't know—clueless—about what he's doing or what he's about or where he lives. You know, if I haven't heard from him, he's not going to hear from me."

Meanwhile, the New York Post

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'Gay Batman' Riles Comics Publisher

NEW YORK - Paintings of Gay fantasies involving comic book heroes Batman and Robin have raised more than just eyebrows while on display in a New York gallery — especially for DC Comics, which owns the copyrights to the characters, the PlanetOut Network reported.

Lawyers for the comic books publisher wants the display closed and has threatened legal action against the Kathleen Cullen Fine Arts gallery, which opened the exhibit in February.

The watercolor paintings by Mark Chamberlain show the superheroes in a number of semi-naked, homoerotic poses. One depicts the Caped Crusader and his companion kissing.

"DC Comics wants me to hand over all unsold work and invoices for the sold

work," said gallery owner Kathleen Cullen.

The Web site Artnet posted several images of the paintings, and it reported receiving a similar letter from DC Comics. DC Comics reportedly refused to comment on the matter.

Conflicts over the use of commercial or cartoon imagery in fine art is not uncommon, according to Artnet. Both Andy Warhol and Robert Rauschenberg settled suits over copyright violations in their work, and artist Jeff Koons took a similar case all the way to the U.S. Supreme Court and lost.



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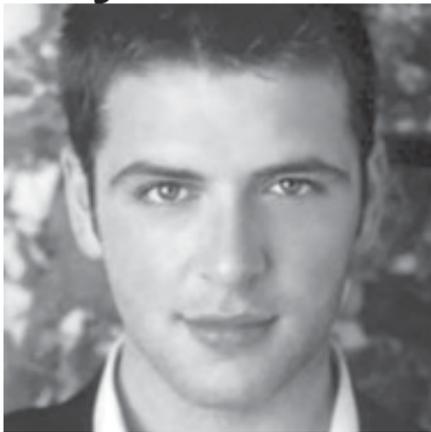
LONDON - Westlife singer Mark Feehily has announced he is Gay, and that he is in a relationship with a former boy band member, Gay.com UK reported.

Feehily, who is one of the chart-topping act's founding members, made the announcement Friday (August 19), saying he is happy with his sexuality.

He added that he is not looking to act as a role model for other Gay men.

"I am Gay, and I'm very proud of who I am," he said. "I'm not asking for any sympathy or to be a role model to anyone else."

Irish-born Feehily, 25, says his friends and family are supportive of his sexuality and that he is in a long-term relationship. He has been seeing singer Kevin McDaid, 21, from now-defunct boy band V, according to press reports.



Mark Feehily

"My close friends and family, the people I love, have been incredibly supportive to me and that's what really matters," Feehily said.

Westlife is currently the biggest boy band in Europe, repeatedly hitting the top spot on both singles and album charts.

Kanye West Calls For End To Gay Bashing



Kanye West

homosexuality while talking about "Hey Mama," a song on his upcoming album, "Late Registration."

West says that when he was young, people would call him a "mama's boy."

"And what happened was, it made me kind of homophobic, 'cause it's like I would go back and question myself," West says on the show, "All Eyes on Kanye West," which aired Thursday (August 18).

West says he changed his ways, though, when he learned one of his cousins was Gay.

"It was kind of like a turning point when I was like, 'Yo, this is my cousin. I love him and I've been discriminating against Gays.'"

West says hip-hop was always about "speaking your mind and about breaking down barriers, but everyone in hip-hop discriminates against Gay people." He adds that in slang, Gay is "the opposite, the exact opposite word of hip-hop."

Kanye's message: "Not just hip-hop, but America just discriminates. And I wanna just, to come on TV and just tell my rappers, just tell my friends, 'Yo, stop it.'"

West, whose debut disc "The College Dropout" won a Grammy for best rap album, will see his second record in stores on Aug. 30.

NEW YORK - Kanye West says "Gay" has become an antonym to hip-hop — and that it needs to be stopped, reported the Associated Press on 365Gay.com.

During an interview for an MTV special, the 27-year-old rapper launched into a discussion about hip-hop and

Wyoming Opposes Appeal For Shepard Killer

CASPER - Russell Henderson, one of the two men serving life sentences for killing Gay University of Wyoming student Matthew Shepard in 1998, should not be allowed to appeal his conviction and sentence because his rights were not violated, an attorney for the state of Wyoming argues, reported the Associated Press on Advocate.com.

Henderson is asking the 10th circuit U.S. court of appeals to reinstate his right to appeal. He contends his trial attorney never advised him that he could appeal his conviction and sentence, causing him to miss the deadline to appeal either.

Senior assistant attorney general Dave Delicath argued in court filings that Henderson's rights were not violated and that he received effective counsel. An Albany County judge and the Wyoming supreme court have previously denied Henderson's attempts to appeal.

Henderson and Aaron McKinney were convicted of beating Shepard and tying him to a fence outside Laramie in October 1998. The murder ignited a nationwide debate over whether more laws were needed to discourage hate crimes. Henderson is serving two consecutive life sentences after pleading guilty in 1999 to first-degree murder. McKinney is also serving two life terms.



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Now come the homophobes, spouting the same hate-filled rhetoric about a different minority group. "Homosexuality is immoral, unscriptural and unhealthy," we are told. It is a "sin," like theft and drunkenness, according to Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott.

The Pitchfork Tillmans of today warn that the "homosexual lobby" wants to bring about the destruction of the American family. Just like their racist antecedents, they are trying to whip up hatred and intolerance in order to build public support for anti-gay laws.

Sure, they can try to hide behind morality, but we all know a target when we see one. Think about it!

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Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. Join Richard & T. Jay for Canasta. If you don't know how to play, we'll be glad to teach you. For reservations and directions, please call T. Jay and Richard at 881-7919

Thursday, August 25
Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. Join the men of MSN for Coffee Night out at Rainbow Planet Coffee House. This is a chance to have a cup of coffee and chat with the men of MSN. This is a No-host event, so please ask Barista to point you in our direction.

Friday, August 26
Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. Lloyd hosts a fun evening of Scrabble. If you don't know how to play, we'll be glad to teach you. For reservations and directions, please call Lloyd at 792-8537.

Saturday, August 27
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.

Tuesday, August 30
Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. The Circle of Men 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.

Wednesday, August 31
Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. Join Merlin and Lee for an evening of Canasta. If you don't know how to play, they'll teach you-and it's a very relaxed atmosphere. For directions and reservations, please call Lee and Merlin at 207-5336.

Sunday, September 4
9th Annual 'Turnabout for TIHAN' at the Inn Suites Hotel on the corner of St. Mary's and Granada. Tickets \$12.50 in advance of \$15 at the door. Available at TIHAN and most GLBT bars in Tucson. The performers request donations from their friends and customers in order to do a "turnabout" from male to female (or vice vers) and put on a show for the community to benefit the programs of TIHAN.

Saturday, September 3
Tucson Prime Timers Food & Drinks- 7:00 P.M. Woody's, 3710 N. Oracle Rd.

Monday, September 5
Tucson Prime Timers Lunch — 12:30 P.M. The Wildcat House, 1800 N. Stone Ave.

Saturday, September 10
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Monday, September 12
Tucson Prime Timers Lunch — 12:30 P.M. The Wildcat House, 1800 N. Stone Ave.

Saturday, September 17
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Saturday, September 17
Food & Drinks - 7:00 P.M., Woody's, 3710 N. Oracle Rd.

Monday, September 19
Lunch — 12:30 P.M., The Wildcat House, 1800 N. Stone Ave.

Saturday, September 24
Food & Drinks - 7:00 P.M. Woody's, 3710 N. Oracle Rd.

Monday, September 26
Lunch — 12:30 P.M. The Wildcat House, 1800 N. Stone Ave.

Saturday, October 1
9:00am - 11:30am Medicare Part D, Forum presented by PCOA & Senior Pride Wingspan, 425 E 7th Street, Tucson Come learn about the changes to Medicare. How will these changes effect you? When should you apply? Are there subsidies for low income? Event sponsored by Senior Pride & Pima Council on Aging For more information contact Pat Woelke 624-1779 ex 22, or pwoelke@wingspan.org

Wingspan Volunteer Orientation Sept. 3

TUCSON - Wingspan will be holding an orientation for prospective new volunteers on Saturday, September 3, 10:30 - noon, at the new offices, 425 E. 7th St.

Volunteering at Wingspan is a great way to meet some of the most interesting, smart, talented, fun people in Tucson! Volunteer Orientation is the first step. The orientation is a brief introduction to Wingspan, its history and its programs.

For more information, and to RSVP, please contact Kendall Tankersley (520) 624-1779, ktankersley@wingspan.org, volunteer coordinator.

Defeat The PMAA

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So to get involved in Arizona Together, for Southern Arizona, call Jessica Knutson at Arizona Together, (520) 624-1779, Ext. 21, and in Phoenix and Northern Arizona, call the Arizona Together office, (602) 908-4067, or go online to aztogether.org and sign up to volunteer and get the E-mail updates.

There are two options to donate funds for the upcoming fight. If you don't wish to give online, then make checks payable to "aztogether.com" and mail them to AZTogether.com, 2303 N 44th St, #14-1548, Phoenix, AZ 85008. At their Web site, aztogether.org, people can also make secure online, credit-card donations as well.



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Our flight of summer fancy come for a landing while the Sun sits in practical Virgo. Lazy summer days enjoying the down time are put aside. Hey but this is not a bad thing. Sometimes consolidation and structure offers its own rewards. Err what might that be?

ARIES (MAR. 21 - APR. 20)
Like it or not, expect to be very productive around the office. Proud Rams prefer to loll around the water cooler but don't be all wet. Fate has other plans for you. Tackle the most labor intensive projects possible. You have great powers of concentration and energy and can accomplish more than you thought possible. Or maybe just take credit for someone else's work.

TAURUS (APR. 21 - MAY 21)
Even fun will come with its own set of life lessons with Sun in no nonsense Virgo. Queer Bulls sure know how to have a good time but now may have that nagging feeling that fun for pure fun sake is meaningless and decadent. There is a search for greater meaning. Remember - Application with greater perspiration will ultimately lead to inspiration. Or something like that.

GEMINI (MAY 22 - JUNE 21)
The summer winds down and pink Twins are apt to look at their various abodes and see the need for some form of improvement. It is never too late for a good spring cleaning, cousin. Or maybe a renovation, a complete change of scene? Wherever your Gay muse takes you, go now. Create your own personal pink palace complete with champagne moat. Let a few cherries drop in.

CANCER (JUNE 22 - JULY 23)
If you have a few opinions on a certain subject, express them with greater conviction and power now. Allow Sun in Virgo to help you collect your thoughts, solidify your actions, think practically and put your best ideas into the fore. So don't sit back and be a wallflower bubble. It is time to turn on your oily charm and grease the wheels of your success. Slide on.

LEO (JULY 24 - AUG. 23)
Proud Lions love to splurge but often your depth of splurge is too low for a safe dive. It is time to pull out your bathing suit and take the plunge. Sun in Virgo bolsters your bottom line and keeps an eye on your assets. Your financial patience and homework has paid off. Share your largess with close compadres. It is difficult to fully enjoy your wealth by yourself. Or is it?

VIRGO (AUG. 24 - SEPT. 23)
Sun in your own sign offers you many great opportunities to prove yourself with the A-list crowd. But is that all that life has to offer you right now? Heck no! Queer Virgins can launch into any orbit and be revered and worshiped. So don't cool your jets at just any old empty airspace. Carefully choose the right planet for you and be a star a shooting star.

LIBRA (SEPT. 24 - OCT. 23)
All that is hidden becomes evident when the Sun in Virgo sheds a light in all your dark corners. This is the time to unburden yourself from any excess baggage and release the restraints of your straight jacket. Doesn't that feel better? Now follow your dreams Gay Libra and go with your intuition. You divine the most divine things including a certain crystal ball.

SCORPIO (OCT. 24 - NOV. 22)
Compadres sure know how to party and manage to entice you into all sorts of wilde mischief. Good thing too, proud Scorp. Life was becoming too predictable and you were becoming too boring. Enjoy Sun in Virgo and don't get bogged down in convention. There is a lot of earthy energy making its way through your social life now. So get down and dirty!

SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 23 - DEC. 22)
You thought that nothing you did moved your corp-o-meter. All that hard work and politicking amounted to virtually nothing. But it is not true. Sun in Virgo rewards all those Gay Archers who really tried their personal best. Senior staff takes notice. The corner office beckons. Plot your revenge this week and make them bring you your coffee. One lump or two?

CAPRICORN (DEC. 23 - JAN. 20)
Pink Goats get some very itchy hooves this week as Sun enters Virgo. You simply cannot sit at home and wait for all the action to come to you. Venture forth and meet it head on. Try anything that expands your horizons and brings you into a wider circle of fun loving co-conspirators. The more the merrier! Use this time to get Out from under... unless you prefer it that way.

AQUARIUS (JAN. 21 - FEB. 19)
Don't be surprised if you are treated as a sex object. Everyone wants a piece of you when Sun enters Virgo. Lucky thing. You possess that certain allure, that sizzle and that spark and can attract anyone who catches your eye. Hot Aqueerians become the toast of the town and score a few points ... among other things. Hey but watch where you point that thing buster!

PISCES (FEB. 20 - MAR. 20)
Guppies yearn for closer connections and can use this time to find the perfect mate. Anything (or anyone) is possible. Current relationships can be strengthened and new relationships can be forged. The secret to your success is to remain practical and seek balance. Sun in Virgo makes you much more disciplined in your search. Hey, whatever turns you on!

AVP Volunteer Training Offered Starting Aug. 27

TUCSON - The Wingspan Anti-Violence Project is offering an amazing three day training on what program does, how they do it and why.

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Following the training you will be given the opportunity to become a much needed volunteer on the Anti-Violence project 24-hour crisis line. Volunteering requires committing to a minimum of two nights per month.

This opportunity will be offered to the public, August 27, September 3 and September 10 at Wingspan's new offices, 425 E. 7th St. The hours are approximately 9:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. with the possibility of ending early. In order to volunteer on the line, you must attend all three days of the training. Please contact Melita Quance, mquance@wingspan.org or (520) 624-1779, x17 with any questions you may have or to sign up.

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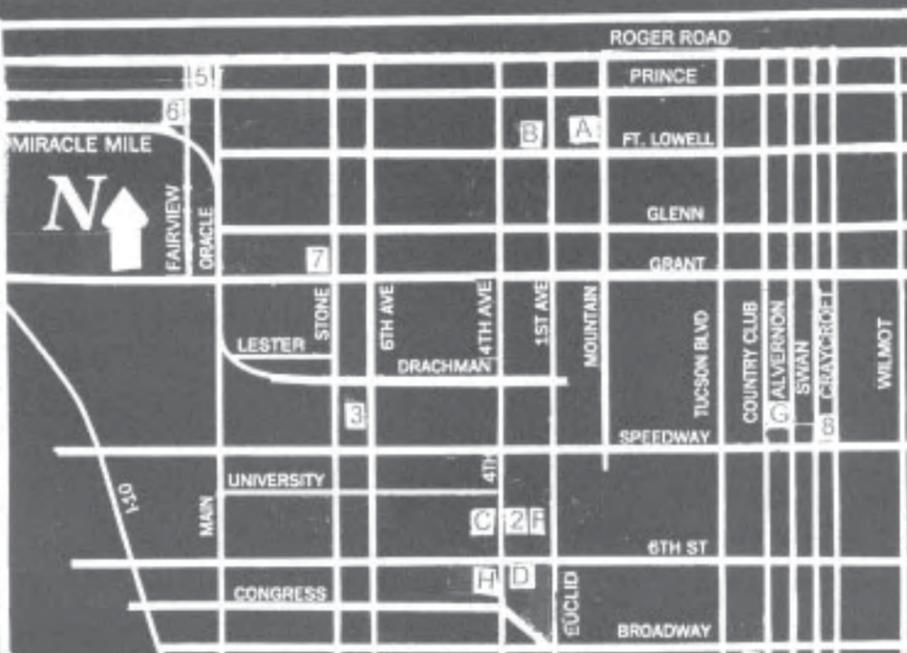
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SAN FRANCISCO - A study conducted by researchers at the University of California, San Francisco's AIDS Health Project, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and the San Francisco Department of Public Health confirms that crystal meth use boosts HIV infection risks, with users three times more likely to become infected than nonusers, the San Francisco Chronicle reports on Advocate.com.

The study focused on 3,000 San Francisco residents who took HIV antibody tests in 2000 and 2001. About 6% of those reporting meth use tested positive for HIV infection; nonusers had a 2% HIV infection rate, according to the study.

Researchers say meth use boosts the odds of HIV infection by lowering inhibitions and encouraging risky sex with multiple partners.

Jeffrey Klausner, director of STD control for the San Francisco health department and lead author of the study, which appears in the journal AIDS, says the research shows that it is important for HIV and STD prevention efforts to include meth prevention and treatment components.



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COLORS - Open 11am - 11pm Champagne Brunch 11am - 2pm with choice of complimentary mimosa, Bloody Mary or Screwdriver. Happy Hour 4-7pm \$2 sky cocktails, \$3 Skyy Martinis, \$2 Domestic and half price appetizers. Full menu served 2-10pm. Nightly dinner specials.

HOWL AT THE MOON - Open at 11:00 am. Chuckwagon Breakfast 11am - 1:30pm, - Scrambled eggs, hash brown, biscuit & sausage gravy and your choice of Bloody Mary, Screwdriver or Mimosa. Free Texas Hold'em Poker Tourney at 4 and 7pm. Sign-up begins one hour before playing time. No Cash - Play for Prizes and Points. Great chance to learn the hottest game around

IBT's - Open Noon. \$1.75 Bloodys, or mimosas. til 4pm. 4-7:30 Karaoke with Michael D. on the patio 5:30-7:30 Beer Bust. 2-4-1 drink specials and DJ Mike Lopez 10pm to close. (Some restrictions apply).

VENTURE-N - Open 10am. Patio open 3pm. \$2.00 Bloody Marys or Screws til 3pm Patio Beer Bust 3-7. Burger BBQ 5-7. Selection of burger meats to choose from. \$3 proceeds go to Pet Watch (helping HIV/AIDS clients with their veterinary bills).

WOODY'S - Open 11am. Brunch \$5, 11:30 - 2:30. Patio open 1pm-close. Yard games on the grass. Beer Bust 16oz \$1 2-7p. \$2.50 Sirloin Burger or Chicken w/sides 5-9pm. Karaoke with Michael D. 9pm-close. Drag Bingo every other Sunday 8-9

YARD DOG - Open Sundays 10am - 1am. Bloody Marys or Screwdrivers \$1.75 from 10am - 3pm.

monday

COLORS - Closed on Mondays.

HOWL AT THE MOON - Open at 3 pm. Happy Hour 3 - 8 pm, \$2 well, domestic longnecks & pints, \$3 sm pitchers, \$5 lg pitchers. Monday Munchies 3 - 8 pm with reduced prices on appetizers - best deal in town! Free Texas Hold-'Em Poker Tournaments at 6:00 pm and 9:00 pm. Sign-up begins one hour before playing time. No Cash - Play for Prizes and Points.

IBT's - Open Noon. Happy Hour Noon-8pm, DJ Mike Lopez 10pm-2am \$1.50 well vodka drinks, All drink specials not available during special events.

VENTURE-N - Open 9am. Patio 6pm. Free pool til 4pm. \$2.75 Skyy & Beefeaters Martinis.

WOODY'S - Open 10am. w/Special Happy Hour til 2pm \$1.50 well or domestic longnecks. Regular Happy Hour 2-8. Karaoke w/Michael D. 9-1

YARD DOG - Open daily 6am. 50¢ off any Scotch until 7pm. Beer Bust 3-7pm.

tuesday

COLORS - Open 4-11pm. Happy Hour 4-7 \$2 Skyy cocktails, \$3 Skyy Martinis, \$2 Domestic and half-price appetizers. 1st Tuesday of month "Dinner & Movie" sponsored by GMHP. All other Tuesdays "Dinner and a Concert" shown on 52" projection system. Full menus served until 10pm.

HOWL AT THE MOON - Open at 3 pm. Happy Hour 3 - 8 pm, \$2 well, domestic longnecks & pints, \$3 sm pitchers, \$5 lg pitchers. Tequila Tuesday: \$2.00 well margaritas, 50¢ off call tequilas. Karaoke with Debbie from 8 - midnight

IBT's - Open Noon. Happy Hour Noon-8pm, Tropical Tuesdays \$2.50 Tropical drinks and DJ Q playing Retro Music 70's, 80's and 90's 9pm-close.

VENTURE-N - Open 9am. Patio 6pm. Free Pool til 4pm. Spaghetti Nite (2nd Tuesday every month \$2.00).

WOODY'S - Open 10am w/Special Happy Hour til 2pm \$1.50 well or domestic longneck. Regular Happy Hour 2-8. 80s Nite 9-close. \$1 off to those wearing 80s concert T-shirt. (Excludes draught & schnapps).

YARD DOG - Open daily 6am. 50¢ off any Tequila until 7pm Beer Bust 3-7pm.

wednesday

COLORS - Open 4-11pm. Happy Hour 4-7pm, \$2 Skyy cocktails, \$3 Skyy Martinis, \$2 Domestic and half-price appetizers Full menu served 4-10pm. Nightly dinner specials.

HOWL AT THE MOON - Open at 3 pm. Happy Hour 3 - 8 pm, \$2 well, domestic longnecks & pints, \$3 sm pitchers, \$5 lg pitchers. Free Pool all day. Draught Beer Specials all day.

IBT's - Open Noon. Happy Hour Noon-8pm, 9pm "Diva-Licious" show w/ Bunny Fu Fu. HiNrgy dance with DJ Q,

VENTURE-N - Open 8am. Patio 6pm. Free Pool til 4pm. \$2.75 Cuervo Margaritas 4-8pm

WOODY'S - Open 10am w/Special Happy Hour til 2pm \$1.50 well or domestic longnecks. Regular Happy Hour 2-8. Underwear- fetish-leather nite \$1 off for those wearing underwear-fetish or leather. (Excludes draught & schnapps) for all in leather or underwear.

YARD DOG - Open daily 6am. 50¢ off any Vodka until 7pm Beer Bust 3-7pm.

thursday

COLORS - Open 4-11pm. Happy Hour 4-7pm, \$2 Skyy cocktails, \$3 Skyy Martinis, \$2 Domestic and half-price appetizers. Full menu served 4-10pm. Nightly dinner specials.

HOWL AT THE MOON - Open at 3 pm. Happy Hour 3 - 8 pm, \$2 well, domestic longnecks & pints, \$3 sm pitchers, \$5 lg pitchers. \$2.00 Mexican Beers all day. Karaoke with Debbie from 8 to midnight.

IBT's - Open Noon. Happy Hour Noon-8pm, Boyz Nite Out with your Bartenders & GoGo Boys dancing in their undies and DJ Mike Lopez spinning Top 40 & All request \$1.75 Long Islands and \$1.50 Tequila shots 10pm-2am.

VENTURE-N - Open 9am. Patio open 6pm. Free Pool til 4pm. Pool Tourney 7pm. \$3 entry. Special prices for players. Steak Nite (4th Thursday of each month). Bring your own or get it here \$6.00.

WOODY'S - Open 10am w/Special Happy Hour til 2pm \$1.50 well or domestic longnecks. Regular Happy Hour 2-8. Free Pool all day. NTN Game Nite w/prizes 9-close. \$1 Pabst Blue Ribbon. Patio bar open 8pm-close

YARD DOG - Open daily 6am. 50¢ off any Bourbon til 7pm. Beer Bust 3-7pm.

friday

COLORS - Open 4pm-2am. Happy Hour 4-7pm, \$2 Skyy cocktails, \$3 Skyy Martinis, \$2 Domestic and half-price appetizers. Full menu served 4-11pm. Nightly Dinner Specials. 6:30-9:30pm. "Hot Jazz, Cool Martinis" with Susan Artemis 10pm "Guys & Dolls" hosted by Lucinda Holliday. Reservations suggested.

Open 11am for lunch. Dinner 5-10pm. Happy Hour 4-7pm domestic beers or well cocktails \$2.25.

HOWL AT THE MOON - Open at 3 pm. Happy Hour 3 - 8 pm, \$2 well, domestic longnecks & pints, \$3 sm pitchers, \$5 lg pitchers. Line Dance Lessons 7:30 to 8:30 pm. DJ Pat plays your favorite country dance songs 8:30 to midnight then a mix of dance & country 'til close. Kitchen open 10 pm - 2 am for late night munchies.

IBT's - Open Noon. Happy Hour Noon-8pm,, Hot Dance with DJ Mike Lopez 9pm-2am.

VENTURE-N - Open 9am. Patio open 6pm. Free Pool til 4pm. DJ 9pm to close.

WOODY'S - Open 10am.w/Special Happy Hour til 2pm \$1.50 well or domestic longnecks. Regular Happy Hour 2-8. Patio Bar open 8-close. Party w/DJ Jeff 9-close.

YARD DOG - Open daily 6am. 50¢ off any Gin until 7pm. Beer Bust 3-7pm. Kennel open 9pm.

saturday

COLORS - Open 4pm-2am, Happy Hour 4-7pm, \$2 Skyy cocktails, \$3 Skyy Martinis, \$2 Domestic and half-price appetizers Full menu served 4-11pm. Nightly dinner specials. Amber Norgard sings originals and cover tunes 6:30-9:30pm. Reservations suggested.

HOWL AT THE MOON - Open at 11:00 am. Chuckwagon Breakfast 11am-1:30pm, \$4.50. Happy Hour 3 - 8 pm, \$2 well, domestic longnecks & pints, \$3 sm pitchers, \$5 lg pitchers. \$4.00 Cheeseburger & Fries all day. DJ playing your favorite country songs 8:30 - midnight, then "anything goes" requests until close. Kitchen open 10 pm - 2 am for late night munchies.

IBT's - Open Noon. Happy Hour Noon-8pm, 5-8pm karaoke and Teryaki Kabobs on the patio. 8:30pm Show time w/ Ajia Simone or Jane Star. DJ Q spinning Club Music inside and Mike Lopez spinning on the patio 10pm to close..

VENTURE-N - Open 9am. Patio Bar open 3pm. Patio Beer Bust 3-7pm. DJ 9 to close.

WOODY'S - Open 10am. Regular Happy Hour 2-8. \$5 Steak or Fish w/all the trimmings 5-9. Patio Bar open 5-close. Live Jazz w/Arthur Migliazza on the patio 6-9. Party w/DJ Jeff 9-close.

YARD DOG - Open daily 6am. Beer Bust 3-7pm. 75¢ glass, \$2.25 pitcher. 50¢ off any Rum 1pm to 7pm. Beer Bust 3-7pm. Kennel Open 9pm.

CASINOS.

AVA AMPHITHEATER AT CASINO DEL SOL COMING ATTRACTIONS: (Box office 838-6700 -I-10 Exit Valencia West)

DESERT DIAMOND CASINO UPCOMING ATTRACTIONS: (Box office 393-2799 - I-19 & Pima Mine Road, Exit 80 - 7 minutes south of Tucson)

OCTOBER 16 - 17TH Annual AIDS WALK takes place at Rillito Downs Race Park, s River Road and First Avenue in Tucson. AIDS WALK 2005 will again feture both the traditional 4K walk as well as a 10K non-competitive run. Tucson's support of AIDS WALK over the years has made an important and lasting statement about Southern Arizona's commitment to the fight against AIDS. AIDS WALK at

Of reported demographic information from participants, 60% of all registered walkers are female, two thirds are under 35, and one-fourth are under 18.

BAR CALENDAR Of Upcoming Events

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 24

WOODY'S - Boys Gone Wild Underwear Party 9:00 p.m. to closing. Drink specials for those in underwear, Leather or Fetish.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 25

VENTURE-N - It's Steak Nite here from 6 to 8 p.m. Only \$6.00 and it includes salad and baked potato.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 27

HOWL AT THE MOON - 9:00 P.M. TIL ??? Moon Glow Painting Party - black lights, body paints - Oh Yeah!

YARD DOG SALOON - BraveHeart Party. (Men in Kilts!!!!!!). Costume Contest at 10:00 p.m. Serving Kilt Lifter Beer and Celtic Crossing Liquor!

SUNDAY, AUGUST 28

IBT'S - You're invited to a "Love, Life and Laughter" a relocation celebration for DJ Q, featuring an all-star cast of drag, dancers, singers and many more. It's going to be an amazing occasion, so come early and stay late. Seating is limited.

WOODY'S - 11:30am til 2:30pm Brunch \$5 (includes Bloody Mary, Mimosa or Screwdriver). 2-7pm Beer Bust. 5-9pm Sirloin Burger and salad \$2.50. 8pm Drag Bingo with Jane Star and Stella Virgin. 9pm DJ Jeff on the patio and Karaoke with Michael D inside.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 30

IBT'S - The beginning of IBT's Anniversary Weeklong Party. Tonight there's a free mini-buffet with complimentary champagne toast at 6pm. \$3 Absolute Martini specials starting at 6pm. Tropical Tuesday with \$2.50 Tropical Drink specials and dance the night away.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 31

IBT'S - IBT's Anniversary Weeklong Party continues with an all-star drag show hosted by Bunny FuFu at 9pm followed by Dancing and at Midnight a wet Jockey Short Contest hosted by Ajia Simone.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

IBT'S IBT's Anniversary Weeklong Party continues An Underwear Party ... Wear your sexiest underwear and dance all night with DJ Mike Lopez spinning top 40 all request and the bar staff dancing on the bar in their underwear at 10pm. GoGo Boys on the Dance Floor at 10pm. \$1.75 Long Islands and \$1.50 Tequila Shots.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

IBT'S - IBT's Anniversary Weeklong Party continues with free appetizers from 5 to 8 pm. Happy Hour Martini Special from 4 to 9pm BlackLight Party Night with free giveaways all night and two DJs, one on the dance floor and one on the Patio starting at 10pm.

WOODY'S - Labor Day Weekend 'Decadence Party' starts tonight here with Torn - Tattered - Tattoo'd Party.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

IBT'S - Anniversary Weeklong Party continues Karaoke and Teriyaki Beef Kabobs with dollar draught specials on the patio from 5 to 8 pm. Saturday Starlets hosted by Jane Star at 8:30pm. Dance all night with DJ Q inside and DJ Mike outside.

WOODY'S - Labor Day Weekend 'Decadence Party' continues with the "Blue Ball" here tonight.

VENTURE-N - Jungle Party!!!! Get your free loincloth. Ask the bartender for instructions. Jungle party favors Costume contest. \$1 Jell-o shots.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

IBT'S - Anniversary Weeklong Party continues with Free BBQ on the Patio with dollar for draught specials and Karaoke from 4 to 7:30pm. Dance all night with DJ Mike and 2-4-1 specials at 10pm.

WOODY'S - Labor Day Weekend 'Decadence Party' continues with a "Turnabout Party" tonight.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 5 LABOR DAY

IBT's - Bar opens today at 10am with Mike's Famous Free Breakfast with eggs, bacon, pastries, Danish and fresh fruit. Monday Morning Madness Drag Show at 11am. Complimentary sandwiches for lunch with chips and potato salad. After the drag show DJ Q will be spinning on the dance floor and Karaoke on the patio.

NOTICES - COMMUNITY - 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.sAAF.org>. **VOLUNTEERS WELCOME.**

LESBIAN SUPPORT GROUP. Involving discussion, support and activities. Designed to support each other. Meets 1st & 3rd Tuesday of each month from 6:30 to 8pm. 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 85740-6264. All replies confidential.

TUCSON GLBT AL-ANON GROUP meets Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. at Wingspan, 425 E. 7th 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 425 E. 7th 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 (TPT) activities. Meetings luncheons and dinners are held monthly. For dates, times and information call 743-0810, leave name and phone number. Tucsonpt@primetimersww.org

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 M-F.

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 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, 425 E. 7th 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.

GREATER PHOENIX GAY & LESBIAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE (GPGLCC) P.O. BOX 2097, Phoenix, AZ 85001-2097. E-mail: webmaster@gpglcc.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

GET NAKED with TNTucson MEN! We're a social and recreational club. Have you ever longed to camp, swim, hike or play with others who enjoy the same, dropping all the masks and pretensions? We're for you! TNTucsonMEN@nethere.com, P.O. Box 12176, Tucson 85792 or call 514-9894

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 of visit our website at www.botop.com All are welcome to our general meetings/potlucks on the 2nd Friday of every month, at 3202 E. 1st St. (the "Ward 6" Office Bldg.) Just south of Speedway & East of Country Club. PotLuck Dinner begins at 6:30 and the monthly meeting follows at 7:15 p.m.

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. 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 325-9466 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, Bisexual, Transgender and Straight Chorus, has been singing songs of pride, hope and laughter for 16 seasons. Check out our website at www.desertvoices.org, or call (520)791-9662 for information about upcoming concerts or how to join.

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

AA Meeting with HIV/AIDS focus, Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m., Wingspan Annex, 739 N. 4th 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 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.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE GLBT, Tucson's Gay and Lesbian business networking group holds regular meetings the third Thursday of every month. Call 615-6436 for more info. www.tucsonglbtchamber.org

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 OUToberFEST. 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

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

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

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

GRACE GROUP - CATHOLIC GAY/LESBIAN SUPPORT GROUP meets every 2nd and 4th Monday at 7:30 p.m. in the Madonna Hall at Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Church, 1436 N. Campbell across from University Hospital. For more info. Call Anabeli 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 838-3975.

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

OUTLOUD! Tucson's premiere Local Lesbian and Gay Radio Show, broadcast every Sunday from 7-8 pm on 91.3 FM, Community Radio KXCI.

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 888-8010 til 9:00 p.m. The group dines out and attends shows or movies. Now in their 16th year! (2nd in Tucson).

SOUTHERN ARIZONA GENDER ALLIANCE (SAGA). The Southwest's largest transgender and gender-variant advocacy organization. Speakers and panelists available. General meetings monthly on the 1st Mondays at 7pm; Dezerz Girlz MTF Support) meets 2nd Mondays at 7pm; Dezerz Boyz (FTM Support) meets 3rd Tuesdays at 7pm. Also serving partners, youth, intersex, service providers and allies. Call (520)867-0083 for more info.

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

ARIZONA AIDS POLICY ALLIANCE (AZAPA) seeks to educate legislators and citizens about sound AIDS policy. For more information write AZAPA, 6523 N. 14th St., #112, Phoenix, AZ 85014 or call 602-279-4805.

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

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

GLSEN - Gay, Lesbian and Straight Education Network meets first Thursday of every month at 4:30pm at Wingspan, 425 E.7th 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)906-0669 and or Mona Garcia 256-8728.

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 write: LC, 7014 E. Golf Links Road, PMB 212, Tucson, AZ 85730.

REVEILLE 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.

"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

LIKE TO READ? The Guys' Book Club (TGBC) invites new members to join us. The group meets once a month, on the 3rd Monday, at 6:30 p.m. Reading selections include Gay-themed novels, bios and other nonfiction. For location or more info, email Bryan at Bryansct@aol.com

THE MAN TO MAN Social/erotic education club is the tantric men's group that offers passionate friendships, fun activities and real Tantric sex education. Marc 881-4582

LGBT BUDDHIST MEDITATION GROUP. Join us for two 20 minute silent sitting meditations, a reading from a Buddhist religious text and discussion. Bring a friend and a pillow or cushion. Meets every Sunday from 10:00 - 11:30am at Wingspan, 425 E. 7th St.. Contact Sean Seeba at 622-8759 for more information.

LGBT SUPPORT GROUP FOR VICTIM/SURVIVORS OF Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, Hate Crimes, Bias Acts, Harassment. Call Lori at Wingspan, 624-1779, ext. 20. Services are free.

NEW TUCSON SOBRIETY SUPPORT GROUP. Secular Organizations for Sobriety - Sundays 8:00 - 9:30 p.m. at 739 N. 4th Avenue. Contacts Rick R. 520-792-2604 or Gary S. 520-323-1969. More information at www.secularhumanism.org/sos/ This group is an alternative to 12-step programs.

MEN'S KINK DISCUSSION GROUP (Open to all who identify as male and are 18 or older) meets 2nd Tuesday of the month, 7:00 p.m. at Desert Dominion, 3843 E. 37th Street, Tucson, AZ. (Map available at www.desertdominion.org) For those who are kinky or just curious. No fee, contributions are appreciated, but not required.

SUN WORSHIPERS OF TUCSON (SWOT) is a local men's nudist organization for men of all ages. Events feature swimming, hot tubbing and socializing in a relaxed, private setting. Check out our website at <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/swot>. Bi-weekly daytime meetings, Saturdays at 10am and Sundays at 2pm. Contact John at 327-3135 for more info and upcoming dates.

MAN TO MAN INTENTIONAL COMMUNITY FORMING for anyone wanting quality friendships, better health and more passion in their lives. This group has far-reaching benefits for those who want to explore their own spirituality, sexuality and purpose in life. Weekly social events include Keys to Healthy Relationships, and Be Your Own Best Lover. Also events include entertainment like dinner, movies, theater and art. Group discussions. Group fun with intimacy, spontaneity and play. A great way to meet other men who are on a more focused path. Contact Marc Haberman, Holistic Health Practitioner at 881-4582.



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