



Six LGBT Bars Help Raise \$17,000 At Annual "Turnabout For TIHAN" Benefit Show

Tucson - It was a wild and wonderful evening of glitz, glamour, and entertainment, as bartenders, managers, and owners of six of Tucson's LGBT bars produced an unforgettable show to benefit AIDS education and support services in Tucson.

Under the leadership of the managers/owners of Ain't Nobody's Bizness, Colors, Howl at the Moon, IBT's, Woody's, and the Yard Dog Saloon, bar staff undertook a "turn-about" from male to female (or female to male) and performed to raise money for the Tucson Interfaith HIV/AIDS Network (TIHAN), the chosen charity.

This year's event, with the theme of "Viva Las Vegas!" raised a record-setting \$17,000 for TIHAN, setting the record for most money raised a show in the 10-year history of this event!

The efforts of the event's producers, performers, employees from Tucson's LGBT clubs, and their special guests paid off well, not just in terms of financial support for TIHAN's programs, but also in terms of a spectacular evening of entertainment for the crowd gathered for the Labor Day weekend show. After being greeted by Scott Blades, TIHAN's Executive Director, who came out to welcome the audience and talk about TIHAN's work, the audience participated in a special tribute to Marc Brunelle, one of the founders of Turnabout, who passed away in July. After raising a toast in remembrance of Marc (aka Marci), the crowd was treated to a number of excellent performances from the staff and owners of six of Tucson's LGBT bars.

The \$17,000 was raised through community members pledging money to support their favorite bar



Co-Hostess for the Turnabout Show Jane Strarr shows off some \$200 stuffed in her net stockings that she 'picked up' during one of her travels through the audience.

staff/owners, as well as through tips, admission tickets, program advertising, a silent auction and raffle, and donations and challenges from the audience.

"The people of Tucson have been tremendously generous in their support of our work," said Scott Blades, TIHAN's Executive Director. "We are grateful to our donors for supporting our work, and to the Yard Dog, Woody's, IBT's, Howl at the Moon, Colors, and the Biz, as well as our emcees Bunny Fufu and Jane Star and Stage Manager David Zinke." Blades also expressed his gratitude to the performers and special guests, and the many, many volunteers and donors who made the evening such a great show AND a great benefit.

Proposition 107 Update

TUCSON (ON) - Protect Marriage Arizona, the proponents of Proposition 107, opted out of attending a forum Wednesday night (Sept. 6), on the issue sponsored by the Jewish Community Relations Council of the Jewish Federation for Southern Arizona, held at the Jewish Community Center.

Proposition 107, if approved by voters on Nov. 7, would take away domestic partner benefits jeopardizing the lives of children, families and seniors throughout the state. If the amendment passes, Arizonans will lose their health insurance benefits, hospital visitation rights, decision-making powers and inheritance rights. Proposition 107 will not change state law in regards to same-sex marriage as it is already against Arizona law. Under the guise of "protecting marriage," Proposition 107 could also impact unmarried women seeking protection from an estranged partner canceling their right to file domestic

violence charges or to secure a restraining order.

Several weeks ago, according to an article in the Tucson morning daily newspaper, both groups had invited representatives from both groups campaigning over Proposition 107 to attend a forum. Arizona Together, the opponents of the measure, agreed to attend. But Protect Marriage Arizona, those behind the move, told the group on Wednesday (Sept. 6) that they would not be attending, said Josh Protas, director of the Jewish Community Relations Council.

"We've tried to have this be fair and balanced and create an atmosphere that was unbiased," he said in an interview with another publication. "Unfortunately, people will just hear from one side."

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Moments Of Silence Mark Fifth Anniversary Of 9/11

NEW YORK CITY - Moments of silence marked the fifth anniversary of 9-11 at Ground Zero Monday (Sept. 11) with surviving Gay partners joining in the reading of names of those who died, reported 365Gay.com.

\$557,390.

In New York 2,749 people died when the twin towers of the World Trade Center collapsed after being hit by two hijacked airliners. In Washington 184 perished when a third hijacked plane struck the Pentagon. And in a lonely field in Pennsylvania another 40 people died when the plane they were in slammed into the ground before it could be used as a weapon, possibly on the Capitol.

Tearful loved ones, many clutching photos, of those who lost their lives gathered at Ground Zero Monday morning. There was a moment of silence at 9:03 when the first plane hit the World Trade Center. It was followed by another moment at 9:59 when the second plane struck, and at 10:29 when the towers fell.

There were also moments of silence at 8:46 in the American and United terminals of Logan International Airport in Boston. American Airlines Flight 11 and United Airlines Flight 175 took off from Logan before slamming into the towers. In Shanksville, Pennsylvania, in a cold rain President Bush joined the family members of those who died when United Flight 93 crashed. A memorial also was held near the site at the Pentagon where an American Airlines plane smashed into the building.

We'll never know how many of those people were Gay. But we do know of some of them. Two became national heroes: Mark Bingham and Father Mykal Judge. Others are less known, like Daniel Brandhorst 42, and his partner 33 year old Ronald Gamboaa. They were flying home to Los Angeles with their young son David when terrorists commandeered the United Airlines jet they were on shortly after it left Boston.

At Ground Zero the names of the victims were read off by family members, including domestic partners. It is a recognition that was long in coming. Partners from the very beginning had to fight long and hard for any of the compensation that was virtually automatic for the survivors of opposite-sex relationships. Even so, many whose partners had not left wills were left out in the cold. Some literally, having lost the homes they shared when they could not to maintain them on their own.

One who nearly lost her home was Peggy Neff. Her partner of 18 years, Sheila Hein, was a civilian Army employee who worked at the Pentagon. Neff was turned down for compensation by the state of Virginia and by the special master of the 9-11 fund. After Lambda Legal stepped in Kenneth Feinberg, the special master, revised the requirements and Neff received

Still many surviving partners had a list of requirements beyond those of married survivors. Neff became the first same-sex domestic partner to receive money from the fund. But if America should see another tragedy like 9-11 surviving same-sex partners would be no better off today than they were in 2001 under federal law. The New York State legislature passed a law providing workers' compensation benefits to the families of some victims, including those in same-sex relationships. The law went into effect in August, 2002. The tragedy also forced the Red Cross to look at the way it deals with same-sex relationships. Empire State Pride Agenda, New York's statewide Lesbian and Gay civil rights organization worked with several New York council members to get a commitment the Red Cross would not discriminate, then pushed to have it enshrined in Red Cross national policy. That commitment was in place when Hurricane Katrina hit New Orleans and is credited with helping a number of Gay and Lesbian couples.

The victims of 9-11 were ordinary citizens. Among the stories of heroism are two involving Gay men. Mark Bingham was one of the leaders of the counterattack against the hijackers on United Flight 93. He and his fellow passengers prevented the plane from being used as a weapon against the Capitol or the White House. Their story was made into a made-for-TV movie, "United 93."

Father Judge's story also became a film: "Saint of 9/11." Within minutes of the attack on the first tower of the World Trade Center Father Mike was on the scene. When the tower collapsed, trapping firefighters he went through the debris giving comfort to the dying. As he gave the Last Rites to one firefighter the second tower fell on top of him.

In the days after the tragic events of September 11, as the nation began to ask questions about how such a thing could have happened in America fundamentalist preacher Jerry Falwell told a television audience that it was God's message to the country because it had grown tolerant of Gays and abortion. "The abortionists have got to bear some burden for this because God will not be mocked. And when we destroy 40 million little innocent babies, we make God mad," he said on the 700 Club. "I really believe that the pagans, and the abortionists, and the feminists, and the Gays and the Lesbians who are actively trying to make that an alternative lifestyle, the ACLU, People For the American Way, all of them who have tried to secularize America. I point the finger in their face and say 'you helped this happen.'" Falwell later retracted the remarks following nationwide criticism including a rebuke from the White House.

UPDATE

Group To Train More In Understanding LGBT Community

TEMPE - Arizona State University students in Tempe are seeking to expand a program dedicated to increasing campus awareness and acceptance of the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transsexual, and transgender community, reported the Associated Press on advocate.com. SafeZONE is a program that helps fight stereotyping and discrimination through education. SafeZONE provides three workshops: SafeZONE 101, Gender Identity 101, and Becoming an Ally, said David Leo, one of about 15 SafeZONE facilitators.

Organizers are working to identify more groups to take the workshops, such as ASU's Residential Life. They want next year's resident assistants to make their residence halls "safe spaces," said James Quinn, president of ASU's Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer Coalition, also known as the LGBTQ Coalition.

"The place you are living is one of the most important places to have a safe space," Quinn said. "It's important for people to realize that not everyone is of the same background. People don't realize that they may be using hateful language or terms that could make someone feel uncomfortable."

SafeZONE workshops, which are two hours long and offered four times a semester, are key to helping closeted LGBTQ individuals, said Lori Girshick, a SafeZONE facilitator. "Maybe if enough people went, closeted individuals would know that there is nothing wrong with being who they are," Girshick said. "The issue of LGBTQ sensitivity isn't about special rights. It's about basic human beliefs and compassion."

In addition to workshops, SafeZONE also provides a list of nearly 30 local businesses that have designated themselves as LGBTQ-friendly.

Outreach's Welcoming Event Sept. 18

TUCSON - OUTReach's Fall Welcoming Event for all UA Faculty, Staff, Students, Alumni and Supporters. It will be on Monday Sept. 18, 5 - 7:00 p.m., in the Swede Johnson Building (NW Corner of Speedway and Cherry) Room 205.

Appetizers and drinks are free to all. Parking is free at the Swede Johnson Building.

For more information, call Keith (520) 621-7057

Sept. 12 Primary Election Update

TUCSON (ON) - On Tuesday, Sept. 12, voters cast their ballots for those they wanted to be their party's nominee for political offices from the local to the federal level.

With the numerous statewide and federal political contests to be decided that day and with the full implementation of Proposition 200, starting with this election and the counting of requested mail-in ballots turned in on election day or provisional ballots cast, full and complete results will occur after The Observer has gone to press with this edition (Observer #1156).

There are many races of importance to Arizona's LGBT Community and the Observer will have a complete rundown in next week's edition.

Tony Hault At Cornerstone September 16-17

TUCSON - Cornerstone Fellowship is pleased to announce a special week-end of music and teaching with Pastor Tony Hault of Grace Fellowship in Dallas, Texas, 7:00 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 16 and 10:30 a.m. on Sunday, Sept. 17.

Hault has been involved in ministry for several years, along with his partner, Apostle Craig Franklin, president of Joshua Ministries. Join Cornerstone and be blessed by a powerful time of praise and worship.

Cornerstone Fellowship is located at 2902 N. Geronimo. Contact Pastor Paul Chambliss at (520) 622-4626 or pastorpaul@qwest.net for more information.

Lesbian Shorts III, Sept. 14, 16-17 And 22-24

TUCSON - The Bloody Unicorn Theater Company will be performing new and original works for their production of Lesbian Shorts III, Sept. 14, 16-17 and 22 - 24, at the Temple of Music & Art, 330 S. Scott Ave.

Lesbian Shorts is the company's annual festival of original, one act plays with a Sapphic slant. All shows will be at the Cabaret Theater of the Temple of Music and Art with the curtain rising at 7:30 p.m. all nights, plus 2:30 matinees on all weekend performances.

Tickets \$12 for one show, or \$20 for both performances on any two nights, for all Tucson shows! To reserve tickets, E-mail: kyraroc@yahoo.com or call (520) 990-3628, and leave your name, phone number, which performance dates you would like, and the number of tickets.

Full-Time Outreach/Program Specialist - 1n10 (One In Ten)

PHOENIX - 1n10, the oldest, community-based organization in the Valley dedicated to inspire and enable lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and questioning (LGBTQ) youth to realize their full potential, is seeking a full time Outreach/Program Specialist.

1n10 will begin collaborating with Native American Community Health Center, Inc. and Body Positive, Inc. in the fall of 2006 to provide HIV prevention services to the LGBTQ youth community. The project will involve recruiting young MSM and Transgender youth of color for HIV prevention/education services.

This is a full time position that will report to the 1n10 Program Coordinator. Salary range: \$29 - \$32,000. For more information please visit www.1n10.org, email info@1n10.org or phone (602) 475-7456.

Wingspan Annual Dinner Sept. 16

TUCSON - Join in supporting Wingspan's important mission and recognizing the individuals who help build a better LGBT community is Southern Arizona at Wingspan's annual dinner, Saturday, Sept. 16, 5:30pm - midnight, at the Tucson Convention Center, 260 South Church Ave.

The evening includes a keynote address by Neil Giuliano, President of the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLAAD), and former Mayor of the City of Tempe.

Three individuals will be honored at Wingspan's annual event:

Craig Snow will posthumously be awarded the Godat Award.

As the founder of the Tucson AIDS Project (TAP) in 1985, Craig Snow helped engineer the first local, organized response to the HIV/AIDS crisis. An all-volunteer effort, TAP provided basic services to those living with HIV and AIDS at a time when other service agencies were not even talking about the disease. Snow put in endless hours and took a leadership role that allowed the agency to grow, add paid staff, and expand its services. Under his direction TAP became a nationally recognized organization known for innovative programs. Snow was instrumental in the merger of TAP with two other agencies in 1997 to create the Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation (SAAF).

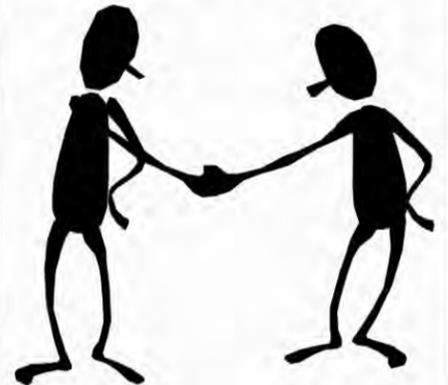
Donna Rochester will receive the Community Ally Award. Donna Rochester's name has become synonymous with that of Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG) in Tucson. Having served on the PFLAG Board of Directors and having chaired the group for many years, Rochester has walked along with countless families on their journeys with LGBT family members. With her tireless dedication and unflagging energy, she has been instrumental in keeping PFLAG thriving and visible in the community.

A dance with music by LeeAnne Savage will conclude the evening. ASL interpretation will be provided. Parking is free.

Tickets are: individual, \$95, reserved table of ten, \$950 with recognition as a table host. (\$50 is the value of goods and services provided and generally not tax-deductible) A limited number of scholarship tickets are available.

Please contact Wingspan (520) 624-1779 for more details. For more information, go online to wingspan.org.

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COMMENTARY . . . by Kevin Cathcart

September 11: What We Must Remember

This September 11, New York remembered the 2,749 people who died in the World Trade Center at a ceremony at Ground Zero. As on previous anniversaries, the names will be read aloud, but this year they will be read by the spouses and partners of the victims. The emphasis is mine although the language comes from the PR materials and billing of the upcoming event. This is significant recognition for surviving Lesbian and Gay partners of 9/11, symbolic though it is. We've still got a long way to go before our families receive equal treatment under the law, particularly in times of hardship.

Roughly two dozen Lesbians and Gay men that we know of lost a partner in the September 11th attacks, and less than a quarter of those people received the benefits automatically awarded to married spouses. Some of those "benefits" boiled down to fundamental rights and responsibilities like being able to obtain a death certificate and to make arrangements for a partner's remains. On top of the intense sorrow of tragically losing a loved one, surviving partners also suffered the indignity of having to prove the validity of their relationship over and over again – and that was in the best of circumstances, when people had taken the time to write a will and health care proxy or, where applicable, register as domestic partners.

Some victim compensation programs were established by private agencies, others by the government. But no matter who set the rules, the burden of proof always fell to the surviving partner. Take, for example, the federal September 11 Victim Compensation Fund. Shortly after

September 11, Congress provided for a fund to help families recover financial stability after losing a loved one and family breadwinner. Despite public comments submitted by Lambda Legal and other groups, the administrator of the federal fund did not specifically include same-sex surviving partners in the new fund's regulations. He did, however, leave the door open for Lesbian and Gay partners to receive compensation from the multibillion-dollar fund based on a number of factors, including the existence of a will and the inheritance and wrongful death laws of the state where the couple lived.

Peggy Neff became the first surviving same-sex partner to be awarded compensation from the fund. She and her partner, Sheila Hein, had been together for 18 years, when Sheila was killed in the attack on the Pentagon. Sheila had left a will expressing her wishes that Peggy should inherit her entire estate, but despite the will, Virginia's wrongful death law would have left Peggy with only a fraction of the proper compensation had it not been for the full support of Sheila's mother, who respected her deceased daughter's wishes that Peggy be treated as a surviving spouse would be. Lambda Legal represented Peggy during the federal claim process, which resulted in a \$500,000 award and marked the first time the federal government had granted compensation based on a same-sex relationship.

Lambda Legal also represented Keith Bradkowski, whose partner of 11 years, Jeff Collman, was a flight attendant on American Airlines flight 11, the first plane that hit the World Trade Center. Keith and Jeff

had registered as domestic partners in California, which by law designated Keith as the personal representative of Jeff's estate and at that time provided wrongful death but not inheritance protection. But Jeff had not written a will, and Keith faced stressful negotiations with Jeff's parents and his employer to receive what a married spouse would have automatically been awarded. Keith later became an advocate for the inclusion of inheritance rights in California's domestic partner laws and gave a moving testimony before Congress about his life with Jeff, his struggle to be treated fairly after Jeff died and why the proposed federal marriage amendment is profoundly wrong-headed.

Other surviving partners were not as fortunate as Keith and Peggy. One man we assisted had a terrible uphill climb because his deceased partner had not dissolved his former marriage. Another experienced tremendous difficulty coping with his partner's death and the hostility of his partner's blood relatives to his claim, and, sadly, took his own life. Some survivors were unable to file at all because they did not meet the government's criteria. It's important that we remember all of these stories as surviving spouses and partners read the names at Ground Zero and others are memorialized throughout the country. Or how about this: Let's pay tribute to those who've died by protecting those who are still alive. Write a will, fill out a health care proxy and other key documents – until we win full equality, it's the best thing you can do.

(Kevin Cathcart is the Executive Director of Lambda Legal)

Schwarzenegger Vetoes LGBT-Friendly Schools Bill

SACRAMENTO, California - A bill passed by California lawmakers would have barred school textbooks from using language that is discriminatory to Gays, but Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger refused to sign it, reported the Associated Press on the PlanetOut Network.

Schwarzenegger said Wednesday (Sept. 6) that the state's education laws already prevent discrimination, and the bill "would not strengthen this important area of legal protection from bias based on sexual orientation."

The bill, which won final passage, would have expanded current anti-discrimination laws by prohibiting any negative portrayal of Gay people in textbooks and other instructional material.

An original version would have required social science textbooks to include the historical contributions of Gay people, but the state Assembly amended it in an effort to avoid a veto from the Republican governor, who is seeking re-election in November.

The bill's author, out state Sen. Sheila Kuehl, D-Santa Monica, called the veto "inexplicable." "I am extremely disappointed that the governor chose to respond to a small, shrill group of right-wing extremists rather than a fair-minded majority of Californians who support this reasonable measure," Kuehl said.

In recent days, as California's legislative year winds down, Schwarzenegger has signed bills banning LGBT bias in state services such as police protection and requiring state agencies for the aging to include programs for Gay seniors.

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Drug Combo May Reduce Protease Inhibitor-Related Disease

BETHESDA, Maryland - Researchers believe they may have found a way to decrease the risk of hardening of the arteries that accompanies the long-term use of protease inhibitors, a class of drugs that has emerged as the most effective treatment against HIV and AIDS, reported 365Gay.com.

Writing in the American Journal of Physiology-Cell Physiology, researchers from the University of Kentucky found that when mice were given a nucleoside reverse transcriptase inhibitor (NRTI) and a protease inhibitor in combination, it prevented hardening of the arteries often associated with long-term use of protease inhibitors alone. The mice received zidovudine, a common protease inhibitor, in combination with ddI or didanosine, which are common NRTIs.

"The combination prevented the negative cardiovascular effect, hardening of the arteries, of the protease inhibitors without reducing the effectiveness of the protease inhibitors on HIV," said the study's senior author, Eric J. Smart.

"To our knowledge, these are the first data that indicate that nucleoside reverse transcriptase inhibitors can limit the atherogenic (tendency to form lipid deposits in the arteries) effects of zidovudine," the authors wrote.

The study also found that although protease inhibitors alone caused cholesterol to build up in mouse arteries, the increased cholesterol could not be detected in the blood. "This means that when doctors test for cholesterol on human patients who are using protease inhibitors, their cholesterol levels may look normal even when they are not," Smart said. "In other words, the accumulation of cholesterol within the arteries is a silent problem."

Although Vitamin E, an antioxidant, has been shown to prevent the negative effects of protease inhibitors in vitro (in the test tube), the vitamin provided no benefit to the mice in this study, the scientists said.

Protease inhibitors have been effective in prolonging the lives of people with AIDS, so much so that patients now survive long enough to develop side effects that are years in the making. One such side effect is

atherosclerosis, the accumulation of cholesterol and foam cells in the arteries, causing the vessels to narrow and harden.

Atherosclerosis is a problem in the general population, but protease inhibitors accelerate the process by increasing production of the protein CD36 within macrophages, which fight infections by consuming unwanted materials. CD36 spurs macrophages to eat cholesterol: The more CD36 the body produces, the more cholesterol the macrophages consume.

The problem occurs when cholesterol-laden macrophages get stuck in artery walls. Over time, they accumulate, block the arteries and can result in heart attacks. Because protease inhibitors prompt the CD36-rich macrophages to accumulate more cholesterol, the cholesterol and foam cells build faster and thus lead the arteries to harden more quickly, Smart explained.

The researchers examined macrophages isolated from mice receiving zidovudine, a protease inhibitor, and ddI and didanosine, both NRTIs. "NRTIs completely prevented the upregulation of CD36 and the development of atherosclerosis," the authors wrote. Their results also suggest that the NRTIs prevented the increase in CD36 by decreasing protein kinase C, an enzyme that changes the function of proteins.

What's more, NRTI reduced the negative effect of macrophages and cholesterol without reducing the effectiveness that zidovudine had against HIV. "So by giving both drugs at the same time, you get the positive effects of the protease inhibitors without the negative effect of hardening of the arteries," Smart concluded.

The researchers are now beginning a short-term study with healthy human volunteers to see if the protease inhibitor/NRTI drug combination will help control the production of CD36 in humans as well, Smart said.

"We'll try to find out if the NRTI regimen can keep the CD-36 protein in check in the non-infected volunteers," Smart said. If the drug combination works, the researchers will move to further clinical trials. The study was funded by the National Institutes of Health.

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POLITICS 2006

by Mark R. Kerr

To Protect Or Not Protect

Paraphrasing Shakespeare's (or Francis Bacon's depending upon what side of the debate one falls) famous question from Hamlet, Act 3, Scene 1, comes to mind with Proposition 107, the Protect Marriage Arizona (PMA), state constitutional amendment, drafted by current Arizona Republican Gubernatorial candidate Len, (real name Lynden) Munsil, Nathan Sproul the "political consultant" spearheading the pro-Proposition 107, and Cathi Herrod, President of the Center for Arizona Policy (CAP).

Sproul, Munsil and Herrod are considered high propensity early voters, or in other words, cast ballots frequently, using the state and counties vote by mail laws but Lynden, Cathi and the CAP don't want to protect the citizens right to cast ballots for candidates running for local offices who would make the decisions dealing with the issues and problems a community faces since the PMA would preempt local control over matters if approved.

Lynden, Nathan, Cathi and the CAP want to control the local ballot box and government and have these communities dictated to, just like "Big Brother" which goes against the principles the Republican party was founded upon and proclaims to support.

Local communities deal with the growing number of incidents of domestic violence, for which the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence, said domestic violence "is a pattern of behavior used to establish power and control over another person through fear and intimidation, often including the threat or use of violence. Battering happens when one person believes they are entitled to control another. Assault, battering and domes-

tic violence are crimes."

Lynden, Nathan, Cathi and the CAP don't want to protect people either since the PMA would strike the state laws dealing with domestic violence off the books, if approved, ending the protections for victims of domestic violence, as well as family members affected directly or indirectly by such heinous acts.

Lynden, Nathan, Cathi and the CAP don't want children or people who have children, through conception, adoption, guardianship or otherwise and who happen to not have "gone down the aisle."

Cathi Herrod said it in an interview with Mary K. Reinhart of the East Valley Tribune, for a story, entitled "Same-sex Marriage Fight Looms," which ran in the Saturday, June 18, 2005 edition, "If it gives a legal status to unmarried individuals, . . . it would not be allowed."

Laws on Arizona's books dealing with rights to own, develop or do with, property (Arizona Revised Statutes (ARS) 33-405, and 14-3101 through 14-3974), a goal every individual strives for would also be affected with the passage of Proposition 107, since Lynden, Cathi and the CAP want to control this as well but they don't want to just stop there since they want to control people's rights in regard to Trusts, Estates (Last Will and Testaments) and Protect Proceedings too since (ARS 14-1102 through 14-2907, as well as 14-4101 through 14-9119 and 14-3101 through 14-3974 which covers this area too) would be affected if Proposition 107 is passed.

To Protect Arizona or to control all aspects of society? That is the real question, Hamlet, as well as every Arizonan must decide on Nov. 7.

Ellen DeGeneres To Host 79th Academy Awards

LOS ANGELES - Ellen DeGeneres has been set to host the 79th Academy Awards telecast, producer Laura Ziskin announced Friday (Sept. 8), advocate.com. It will be DeGeneres' first time as host, as well as her first appearance on an Academy Awards telecast.

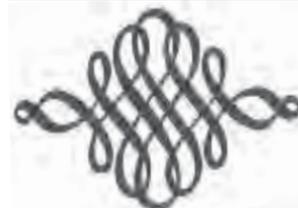
"Ellen DeGeneres was born to host the Academy Awards," said Ziskin. "There is no more challenging hosting job in show business. It requires someone who can keep the show alive and fresh and moving, as well as someone who is a flat-out great entertainer. Ellen completely fits the bill. I can already tell she is going to set the bar very high for herself and therefore for all of us involved in putting on the show. Now all we need is a lot of great movies."

"When Laura Ziskin called, I was thrilled," said DeGeneres. "There's two things I've always wanted to do in my life. One is to host the Oscars. The second is to get a call from Laura Ziskin. You can imagine that day's diary entry." DeGeneres has twice hosted the Primetime Emmy Awards telecast and co-hosted the show in 1994. "She just sparkles," said Academy President Sid Ganis. "She is such a pleasure to watch. Her wit cuts to the truth of things, but in a wonderfully warm-spirited way. I think she'll be a fantastic host for this show and we're



extremely pleased that she's agreed to do it."

The 79th Annual Academy Awards Presentation will be broadcast live from the Kodak Theatre at Hollywood and Highland by the ABC Television Network, beginning at 5 p.m. (PST) with a half-hour arrivals segment.



Riverboat Cruises Sink PlanetOut's Forecast

SAN FRANCISCO - While taking a riverboat cruise is supposed to be a relaxing way to see the sights, it's become more of a gamble for management at PlanetOut, a company serving the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender (LGBT) community, reported motleyfool.com. Earlier this year, PlanetOut acquired RSVP, a travel and entertainment marketing service for Gays and Lesbians that competes against companies such as Atlantis Events, said to be the largest all-Gay tour operator. RSVP and PlanetOut develop travel itineraries at resorts and cruise lines through contracts with third parties and then add entertainment amenities to the program.

PlanetOut scheduled four riverboat cruises in August and September, but because its European riverboat operator, Austrian River Cruises, became embroiled in some legal matters, it couldn't meet its contractual obligations to run the riverboats. RSVP instead changed the itinerary to a bus tour of Prague and Budapest. Not exactly an elegant alternative to sailing down the Danube, is it? It ended up costing RSVP and PlanetOut significantly more money because they priced it at the lowest cost of the cancelled riverboat cruise. Anyone who had deluxe accommodations previously was getting the difference refunded, but no one was offered a full refund. That has ruffled some feathers.

Equally worrisome is slower revenue growth from the advertising business. In the second quarter, advertising became the biggest money maker for PlanetOut. It

accounted for 45% of all revenues, and it's been growing exceptionally fast: 185% this year compared to last, and 50% over the year before that. But coupled with declining ad sales from The Advocate, the third quarter is apparently shaping up to be a bust, which is both troublesome and perplexing. The Advocate and Out are the two largest-circulation Gay magazines in the United States. Why they should be experiencing suddenly declining growth rates is not known.

As a result, the leading Gay-and-Lesbian media/entertainment Web portal is dramatically scaling back revenue projections. Third-quarter revenue is now expected to come in 14% below previous estimates, or in the range of \$15 million to \$16 million, while EBITDA guidance has been cut in half, at best, to come in between breakeven and \$1 million. Previously, the company had said it planned to make between \$2 million and \$2.5 million. It does appear to be a worsening situation. For example, a basic calculation of free cash flow is operating cash flow minus capital expenditures. Over the past 12 months, PlanetOut's free cash flow has deteriorated to a \$3 million loss, much worse than the \$300,000 loss reported in the prior 12-month period. In the year before that, free cash flow had been a positive \$1 million. It seems that PlanetOut is hemorrhaging cash the faster it tries to grow.

When the company went public in 2004, it raised about \$40 million, which it has since been using to make acquisitions. Cash on its balance sheet is down to about \$4.9

million, though long-term debt is a manageable \$4.7 million. Having made numerous acquisitions, PlanetOut has become the premier venue for the LGBT community. However, News Corp.'s (NYSE: NWS - News) purchase of the MySpace community and Yahoo!'s (Nasdaq: YHOO - News) personal ads provide better-financed and better-known alternatives to PlanetOut that will prove challenging to the startup company. Yes, PlanetOut is catering to a niche market, but its competitors – including Match.com and eHarmony – also make room for the LGBT community. The riverboat gamble seems like a bet that didn't pay off this time, though it can't really be said to be at fault here. It was smart not to cancel the tour and to make other arrangements, since many people had undoubtedly planned for a long time to take the tour. Certainly, though, a full refund should have been offered, even if it had cost the company money in the short term. It might have made for fewer unhappy campers – er, bus riders – over the long haul.

While the company says it is reorganizing its operations to be better able to project its performance, the stock remains well off its 52-week highs of more than \$10 a share. Unfortunately, this seems like something the portal does on a regular basis. In 1997, it bought out Sequoia Capital and booted its CEO. In 2001, it reduced staff to focus on aggregating content, premium services, and e-commerce. The latest reorganization entails consolidating its media and advertising services

and a cutting its workforce by 5%. Some investors may balk at buying a company that serves the LGBT community, just as they might hesitate to buy adult-nightclub operator Rick's Cabaret or Playboy. But simply because the stock is down, that does not make it a buy recommendation. For PlanetOut, some wrinkles remain to be worked out of the business plan, and that makes this a risky play for more than the community it serves.

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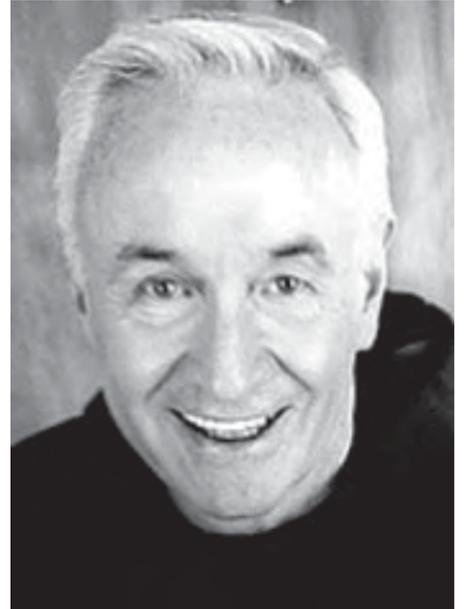
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Film On Gay 9/11 Chaplain To Screen In Thirteen Cities

NEW YORK CITY - "Saint of 9/11," which follows the life of N.Y. Fire Department Chaplain Mychal Judge and his heroism at the World Trade Center, will screen in 13 cities for the National Fifth Anniversary Remembrance of the terrorist attacks, reported advocate.com. The film premiered at the 2006 Tribeca Film Festival.



NYFD Chaplain Mychal Judge

Fr. Mychal, who was Gay and an AIDS activist as well as a Franciscan priest, was beloved in New York City during his 40 years of service. He became an international hero when he was killed assisting firefighter and civilian victims after the attacks. A grass-roots movement soon was launched for Fr. Mychal's canonization, despite the Vatican's antipathy to Gays. The Franciscan order is against him being canonized; without backing from a priest's order, the Vatican will not accept nominations for sainthood.

being sponsored by the San Francisco Police Department, San Francisco Fire Fighters Local 798, and the local American Red Cross. In Kansas City, the Interfaith Council as well as the Human Relations Commission are sponsoring the film, with the mayor declaring a citywide moment of silence before the screening.

The 13 cities airing the movie are Boston; Denver; Fort Lauderdale, Fla.; Kansas City, Mo.; Milwaukee; Minneapolis; Nashville; Patchogue, N.Y.; Philadelphia; Pittsburgh; Salt Lake City; San Francisco; and Seattle. Many of the cities have invited local firefighters to attend the screenings.

"Saint of 9/11" is produced by the Equality Forum and directed by Glenn Holsten; Sir Ian McKellen is the narrator.

In San Francisco, the movie is

Lesbians More Likely To Be Dropped From Military Than Gays, Study Shows

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Women believed to be Lesbians are twice as likely to be discharged from the military than Gay men new Pentagon data show, reported 365Gay.com.

revealed a long history of service by the Lesbian community. The study showed that not only do the rates of service by coupled Lesbians surpass that of other women, but that they serve longer than other women. Of women ages 18-67 who served in the armed forces, over 80 percent of coupled Lesbians reported having served more than two years, compared with 74 percent of other women.

While women account for approximately 15 percent of the armed forces, they totaled 30 percent of those dismissed under the Gay ban in 2005 according to the data obtained by the Servicemembers Legal Defense Network.

Since the passage of DADT a decade ago more than 11,000 men and women have been dismissed under "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" according to the Government Accountability Office. A study conducted last year for the Servicemembers Legal Defense Network concluded that the U.S. military could attract as many as 41,000 new recruits if Gays and Lesbians in the military were able to be open about their sexual orientation.

In all, 219 women out of a total of 726 service members were discharged under "Don't Ask, Don't Tell." The Army reported discharging 146 women in 2005; the Navy, 31; the Air Force, 28; and the Marine Corps, 14.

"Women have a long and rich history of service to our country," said SLDN executive director C. Dixon Osburn. "Our nation is safer and more secure because of the contributions made by all women, including Lesbian and Bisexual women, in our armed forces. It is high time we honored the service of these patriotic women by repealing 'Don't Ask, Don't Tell' once and for all."

The ban on Gays serving openly has been protested nationwide by members of the nondenominational group Soulforce. The most recent protest was in Madison, Wisconsin last week where three young Gay men were refused enlistment in the Army when they attempted to join at a recruitment center.

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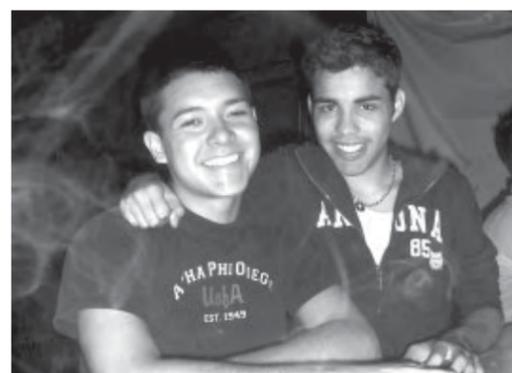
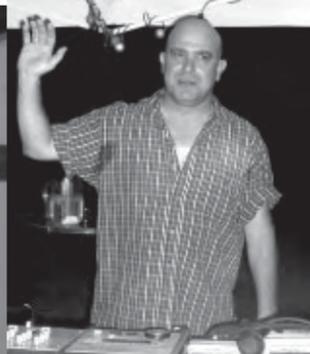
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Brad Pitt, Angelina Jolie Support Same-Sex Marriage

LOS ANGELES - Brad Pitt, ever the social activist, says he won't be marrying Angelina Jolie until the restrictions on who can marry whom are dropped, reported the Associated Press on advocate.com. "Angie and I will consider tying the knot when everyone else in the country who wants to be married is legally able," the 42-year-old actor reveals in Esquire magazine's October issue, on newsstands September 19.



In the article he reflects on "15 things I think everyone should know." Though Shiloh, the world-famous daughter of Pitt and girlfriend-earth mother Jolie, hogged much attention upon her birth in May, Pitt says he "cannot imagine life" without adopted children Maddox, 5, and Zahara, 1. "They're as much of my blood as any natural-born, and I'm theirs," says Pitt. "That's all I can say about it. I can't live without them. So anyone considering [adoption], that's my vote."

Pitt, who plays a world traveler

in the upcoming drama *Babel*, subscribes to a laid-back parenting style. "I try not to stifle them in any way," he says. "If it's not hurting anyone, I want them to be able to explore. Sometimes that means they're quite rambunctious." Lucky kids. "I feel it's really important to have that time to sit and talk to them," he continues. "I really like that last minute before they fade off. And always give them a heads-up before you jerk them out of something. You need to tell them, like, 'You have three more minutes.'"

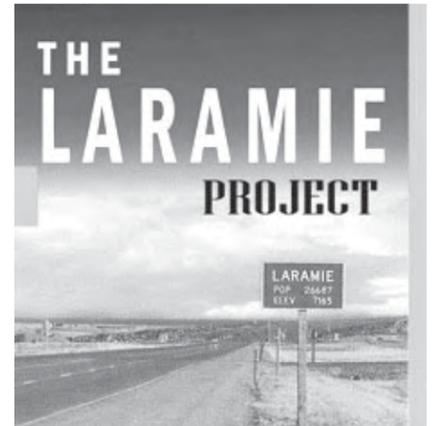
School Refuses To Give In To Demand "Laramie Project" Be Cancelled

WEST DES MOINES, Iowa - Some parents at Valley High School are upset over the school's decision to let students perform "The Laramie Project," a play based on Matthew Shepard, a University of Wyoming student who was killed because he was Gay, reported 365Gay.com. The play discusses homosexuality, uses profanity and contains violence.

School officials said it teaches tolerance and acceptance of others. They hope the play will encourage families to discuss diversity, hate crimes and whether such behavior is acceptable. "It is edgy, but it is for a mature audience," said Phyllis Staplin, West Des Moines' director of curriculum. "There is no doubt about it, this is providing a teaching opportunity for diversity and acceptance." About 90 students were signed up to audition for the play.

"The Laramie Project" is based on Shepard, who was severely beaten and left to die on the outskirts of Laramie, Wyo., in 1998. His killers admitted they attacked him because he was Gay. He died several days later. Kate Vohs, a Valley senior who auditioned for the play, said it can dispel the myth that hate crimes don't happen in a particular community. "But they do, and they exist in our community, too," she said.

Some parents said they are upset by the profanity used in the play and scenes that contain graphic violence and depiction's of sex. The parents said they plan to express their concerns to the school board on Sept. 18. "It is inappropriate material for high schools because of the profanity," said Wendy Ogden, the parent of a drama student. "It's not the issue of homosexuality that I don't think should be discussed. I think there are a lot of people who have severe beliefs about homosexuality, and even teenage sexuality in general," she said. "I don't think it's right to portray it in a positive light without ever discussing the seriousness of it."



School Board President Deb Thomas isn't bothered by the subject matter but said the language and violence in the play should be toned down. The play is relevant to what happens in high schools because some students are treated with hatred because they are viewed as being different than others, she said. "If we just focus on the issue of homosexuality, we've really missed the boat," Thomas said.

Sara Sullivan said her daughter tried out for the play but found it difficult to find a part because she was uncomfortable with the profanity. "The language is really inappropriate, and it kind of puts them in a predicament because they know it's wrong," she said.

Staplin said school officials plan to "soften" the language of the play. The play has met controversy at other schools. In Oregon, a high school superintendent canceled the play's performance. In other parts of the country, members of the Westboro Baptist Church, of Topeka, Kan., known for staging anti-Gay protests, have picketed outside schools where the play was performed.



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A Grand Finale To Martina's Tennis Career

NEW YORK CITY - Fittingly, the Martina Navratilova era ended with a Grand Slam win, reported usopen.org. Playing in the very last match of her illustrious tennis career, Navratilova added to her long list of achievements Saturday, (Sept. 9), in the US Open Mixed Doubles championship at Arthur Ashe Stadium.

She and partner Bob Bryan captured the title by defeating Kveta Peschke and Martin Damm of the Czech Republic in straight sets, 6-2, 6-3. Navratilova, who turns 50 on October 18, retires from the game as arguably the best women's tennis player of all-time, having won 18 Grand Slam titles and 167 total singles triumphs. She also racked up 178 doubles crowns, with 41 coming in major tournaments (31 women's doubles, 10 mixed doubles).

While Navratilova's playing career may be over, the celebration of her legacy will continue on. Prior to the US

Open men's final, Navratilova and Don Budge will be inducted into the 2006 US Open Court of Champions in a special ceremony on centre court. A separate retirement tribute for Navratilova is also planned.

Navratilova won four US Open singles championships during her career, winning back-to-back titles in 1983-84 and 1986-87. She made eight other appearances in finals and compiled a career mark of 89-17 in 21 total singles appearances. As for doubles, Navratilova collected nine women's doubles championships and three mixed doubles triumphs.

With this most recent victory, Navratilova became the oldest mixed doubles champion in US Open history, breaking the mark held by Margaret du Pont,

who won the title in 1960 at 42 years, 166 days. "I just wanted to keep inspiring people, the way they inspired me, and sort of show people that you can do great things regardless of your age if you just believe and, you know, go for it," said Navratilova after the match.

From the start of the match, Navratilova and Bryan had the backing from those in attendance who were there to witness the historic final match of a tennis legend. But Navratilova and Bryan didn't need much help as they were in synch from the get-go, earning an early break of serve in the first set to gain the upperhand. Then at 5-2, the tandem broke Damm and Peschke again, as Bryan made a quick stab at a volley right at the net that dropped in for the winner.

Navratilova and Bryan continued to roll in the second set, as the fifth seeds' strong serves kept posing all sorts of problems for Damm and Peschke. For the match, Navratilova and Bryan posted a winning percentage of 94 on first serve and 73 on second serve. Navratilova and Bryan turned their third break-point conversion at 2-1 of the second set and never looked back. Bryan closed out the win by rocketing an ace, and then hugged a joyous and nearly motionless Navratilova in celebration of the triumphant close of her career.

"Tennis is such a great life," said Navratilova after the match. "It has given me such a great life, but I'm ready sort of to move on. I still will stay in tennis and refocus my efforts elsewhere, but, I was just ready to go. I knew I was gonna play great tonight. There was no doubt about it."



Martina Navratilova and tennis partner Bob Bryan with their mixed doubles trophy



Navratilova and Bryan playing in their final match in New York Saturday, Sept. 9

Christian Stations Debut 'Ex-Gay' TV Show

NEW YORK CITY - "Pure Passion," with a musical approach to repudiating people's sexual orientation, debuts Sept. 18 on two Christian TV networks, the advocate.com reported. "Pure Passion" will debut on the Sky Angel Satellite Network and the Christian Television Network.

The show, produced by Mastering Life Ministries, is hosted by David Kyle Foster and Alan Chambers, current president of the "ex-Gay" group Exodus International. They're a former prostitute and a criminal, respectively, says Wayne Besen, author and executive director of Truth Wins Out, a nonprofit that attacks so-called conversion therapy.

Joining Foster and Chambers as part of the show will be singer Sy Rogers and "ex-Lesbian" activist Christine Sneeringer. The airing of "Pure Passion" has sparked anger from groups who denounce the "ex-Gay" movement as damaging, self-hating, cruel and simply a myth.

"The last thing people of faith need is more pure propaganda and pure nonsense that is rejected by every mainstream mental health organization in the nation," Besen said in a written statement. "The colorful characters hosting this show with questionable moral character will likely prove to be quite entertaining, as most circus acts are," he said.



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NOTES FROM THE FOR-REAL SIDE

Jail Time

by Lee Thorn

I've been critical of the ARIZONA DAILY STAR in the past. One of its editors told me I say "mean things" about it. If that's been the case, it's only fair that I give the STAR credit for a couple recent stories that contained some real reporting. One was essentially an expose on how much money local politicians waste on cell phones they don't even use and how much they waste on lavish entertainment and travel that they do use. The other concerned the common local custom of throwing people in jail for ten days and then releasing them without charging them with anything. The second story led section B of the September 4th issue.

I'm not creative enough to make something like that up.

The STAR pointed out that it costs taxpayers \$624.16 to lock one person up for ten days, but what about the cost to the person who gets locked up? Maybe I've had a pampered existence, but if somebody locked me up for ten days and then told me he didn't really have a case against me so he was letting me go I'd be upset. I'd be upset enough to want to rip his face off. But that's just me. Maybe the county attorney would be a better sport about it if that happened to her. Maybe she'd say, "No problem. I can do ten days standing on my head. The documented recreational homicides by staff against inmates in this place don't scare me. Anyway, mistakes happen. No hard feelings."

Believe it or not, roughly half the people who get thrown into our infamous jail for felonies, yes felonies, spend roughly ten days there and then get thrown out. I know that the county doesn't have the power to restore days to a person's life, but I wonder if they at least have the decency to apologize for groundlessly taking them away.

What is going on here? As much as I'd love to entertain an alternative hypothesis, it looks like our county attorney has decided to replace judges and juries and inflict punishment on whomever she deems, in her capacity as God, to be deserving of it. And what's the solution? A panel of experts joined by our county administrator think that the solution is to give the county prosecutor two more lawyers. Let's guard the hen house with two more foxes. (And I promise not to use this tired analogy again until the next time I write about local politics.)

A real solution would be for the presiding judge to appoint a special referee to monitor prisoners from their first day in jail. The ideal candidate for the referee position would be a non-lawyer who didn't like or trust lawyers. On the first day a person was jailed the ref would find out from the county prosecutor what evidence and/or tests were pending in the case and when the evidence and/or tests were expected to be completed. If no evidence or tests were pending, the ref would get the prisoner released immediately. If evidence or tests were pending the ref would get an estimated date of completion for them and review the case again on that date. If at any time in the process the ref determined that the prosecutors were acting in bad faith by claiming to be investigating when they were simply inflicting jail time on someone because of their private predilections, he would get the prisoner released immediately

and register an ethics complaint against the prosecutors with the local bar association.

If someone is a flight risk and can't make bail, it doesn't seem so unreasonable to hold him in jail while the prosecutor tries to put a case together, but if the cases don't materialize 48% of the time - speaking of FELONIES here - something is rotten in Denmark, so rotten that you can smell it in Tucson.

The STAR article has the county prosecutor arguing that if a suspected car thief is released from jail while an investigation is launched, officers may not be able to track him down later. She is quoted as saying, "Are we going to cut him loose so he can steal 16 more cars? . . . We've got to protect our community from . . . repetitive offenders." Preventive detention strikes me as an interesting concept. Our county prosecutor sees herself as preventing crimes by locking up people she suspects of having committed a crime. At this point in American history there are probably lots of people who would happily grant a county prosecutor the authority to lock up whomever she wanted to for however long she wanted to and for whatever reason she wanted to, but I strongly suspect that the imposition of preventive detention is not actually a part of the county attorney's current job description.

Okay, I admit that I'm not too keen on preventive detention in principle, but imposing it on people who you can't even come up with a case against seems, well, criminal.

(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.)

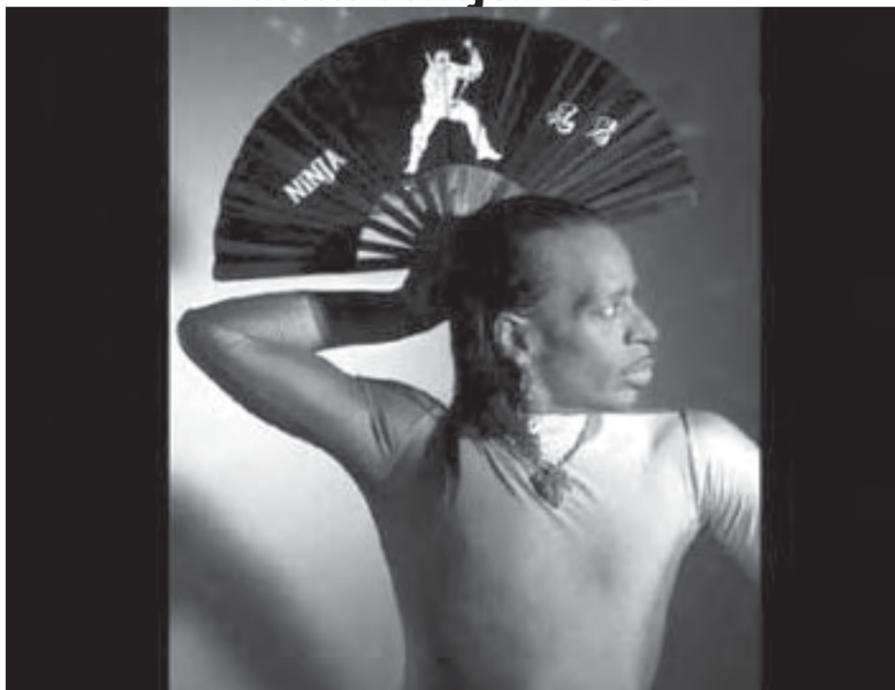
Lesbians Drop DP Benefits Lawsuit

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colorado - Two Lesbian couples have dropped their lawsuit against the city of Colorado Springs, Colo., over its 2003 decision to revoke benefits for same-sex couples, the Associated Press reported on advocate.com. Kaylynn LaGamma said she did not have the energy to go on with the suit after her partner, former city dispatcher Barbara Henson, died in May. A second couple dropped out earlier.

The city council extended health benefits to Gay and Lesbian partners of city workers in 2002. The following year, a new council rescinded the benefits, and the lawsuit was filed. The couples argued that the city was violating religious freedom and equality rights, while the city said it had no obligation to offer benefits to people who are not considered married under state law.

A judge threw out the suit earlier this year and the case was on appeal when the couples dropped out. LaGamma and the plaintiffs' attorney, Trish Bangert, said they were disappointed with the outcome and the lack of help from Gay and Lesbian organizations in the state. Bangert said Referendum 1 on the November 7 statewide ballot would make the lawsuit moot if it is approved. The measure would allow same-sex couples to register as domestic partners and gain the benefits and protections of spouses.

'Paris Is Burning' Dancer Willi Ninja Dies



NEW YORK CITY - Dancer Willi Ninja, whose skill in the gender-bending art of "voguing" influenced Madonna and was immortalized in the documentary film "Paris Is Burning," has died, friends and relatives said, reported 365Gay.com. Ninja died Saturday (Sept. 2) of AIDS-related illnesses at New York Hospital Medical Center of Queens, they said. He was 45.

Inspired by Fred Astaire, "Great Performances" on PBS, Asian culture and Olympic gymnasts, Ninja was a self-taught performer who stitched together a patchwork of a career that extended into the worlds of dance, fashion and music. The critically acclaimed 1990 documentary, directed by Jennie Livingston, shed light on the subculture in which the cross-dressing participants, many of them black and Latino, displayed their costumes and styles at Manhattan balls.

Judges rated participants on the realness of their drag impersonations. On a deeper level, the balls became a colorful demonstration of serious issues of gender, class and race. In its review of "Paris Is Burning," The New York Times called Ninja "a lithe, articulate young man who also happens to be a master in the art of 'voguing,' in which dancers attempt to top each other by using gymnastics and the gestures of high-fashion

models." Madonna used the style in 1990 in her No. 1 hit record and video "Vogue." "He was a great cultural influence to me and hundreds of thousands of other people," she said through a spokeswoman.

Ninja - born William Leake in 1961 - said the drag-queen balls began in the 1960s, and over the years new varieties of performance, including voguing, evolved as more Gays participated. "I didn't find out about it until 1980. . . . I didn't know what this was about. I began learning from the experts, and I developed my own style," he told Associated Press in 1991. His career boosted by the attention from "Paris Is Burning," he performed with dance companies, worked under noted choreographers and instructed models and socialites how to walk and pose with frisson.

Livingston said Ninja, a "supremely gifted dancer" who was dedicated to his craft, was "one of the main reasons" she made the film. She recalled walking through Washington Square Park one summer and spotting young men voguing beneath a tree. She approached them to learn about this dance, which was new to her, and the young men told her to look up Ninja. "Whenever you talk about vogue or voguing, Willi's name is there," Livingston said. "Willi refined voguing. He really brought it to an amazing level."

Indian Director Wants New Film To Raise Debate About Homosexuality

MUMBAI, India - Well-known Indian actor-turned-director Amol Palekar says his new film Quest focuses on a taboo topic in India: homosexuality. Palekar's film opens with a wife learning her husband is in a Gay relationship, he told the Mumbai Mirror newspaper in an interview published Monday (Sept. 11), reported the Associated Press on advocate.com.

Palekar said he wanted to raise the issue to force India to confront it. "We have the tendency of not talking about issues like homosexuality openly. We tend to brush it under the carpet," Palekar said. "My way of dealing with things is to face them up front."

Mumbai, formerly known as Bombay, is the hub of India's vibrant movie industry, called Bollywood. Bollywood movies are often sprinkled with jokes poking fun and ridiculing the Gay community. Homosexuality re-

mains taboo among most of India's billion-plus population and is a crime under law that dates to British colonial rule.

Health authorities recently called for a repeal of the 145-year-old law that makes Gay sex a crime. While prosecutions are rare under the law, it specifies that consensual sex between adults of the same sex is a crime punishable by up to 10 years in jail. "People term homosexuality as unnatural. Homosexuality is not unnatural," said Palekar, a veteran actor of the 1960s and '70s. He said that in his movie the wife grapples with whether she would have reacted differently if her husband were in an extramarital relationship with another woman.



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A cavalcade of big movers elbows each other for position this week. Saturn, Jupiter and Neptune create a "Grand Cross." Any grandiose unrealistic dream is brought back down to earth like a lead balloon. The secret to success is: Don't stop dreaming but keep all dreams within the outer edges of the possible.

ARIES (MAR. 21 - APR. 20)
Are you a creative genius or just another one of those posing wannabees? Let's guess while Jupiter, Saturn and Neptune create a Grand Cross. Proud Rams seem more than a little full of themselves and are not shy about imposing their assorted gems on others, especially close companions and compadres. Pushy, pushy. Can you take as much as you can give? Thought not.

TAURUS (APR. 21 - MAY 21)
Even though you have gotten away with a lot at work recently, I am not sure that you have them completely snowed. Queer Bulls are not lazy by nature but you could be finding yourself putting in less sweaty equity and more into other sweaty pursuits. This week's Grand Cross has a way of letting you know that this is a fool's journey. Take a cold shower and get dressed.

GEMINI (MAY 22 - JUNE 21)
Affable, charming pink Twins find that even their vocal best can't halt the stream of scuttle that dogs their every step this week. Words are taken out of context and wind up biting you on the butt. Trust no one with your sharper images. On the bright side, this is a great time to collect your assorted bon mots and file them for future use. You do have a sharp mind. Ouch.

CANCER (JUNE 22 - JULY 23)
Money issues can bubble to the surface during this week's Grand Cross. Gay Crabs who usually carefully count their pennies not only have trouble holding on to their dough, they also contribute to the wastefulness. But to good purpose, I suppose: Wilde, out of control fun ensues! How many doughy lumps will you knead before you get a yeasty rise? Let's see.

LEO (JULY 24 - AUG. 23)
Proud Lions try to push the boundaries of their various relationships while Jupiter, Neptune and Saturn create a Grand Cross. But they can all push back, especially if your high expectations match your inflated ego. Not everybody wants what you want. Not everyone is prepared to compromise now. Take a break. Sometimes you win by appearing to lose. I said "appearing."

VIRGO (AUG. 24 - SEPT. 23)
Stray thoughts and "premonitions" buzz about like so many gnats. Swat them back while the Grand Cross stings. Queer Virgins can become obsessed by trivialities that can lead to regrettable actions, if you allow. Before you get poked in the snoot with an errant action, stop, think and turn your attention to something other than the dustballs of life.

LIBRA (SEPT. 24 - OCT. 23)
When is too much, way too much? Possibly during the Grand Cross. Proud Libras have a tendency to go over the top in their various social pursuits. This is usually not a bad thing but now it can dredge up issues among various groups of compadres. Maybe its because you open up your wallet to whoever wants a taste. Who gets a piece of you? Who indeed!

SCORPIO (OCT. 24 - NOV. 22)
Expect a spate of jealousy among co-workers during the Grand Cross. Not only do you think that you are on top of your game, you also tend to take more obvious risks. This is not the best time to take risks. This is a good time to sit back, reassess the pitfalls of certain actions and quietly plot your revolution. You are a legend in your own mind. What becomes a legend most?

SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 23 - DEC. 22)
There is an advantage to being outspoken, forthright and honest, but not this week Gay Archer. This week it is to your advantage to look and listen without commentary. Just sit back and take notes. By the time this week's Grand Cross uncrosses, you will be in a prime position to take a stand... depending, of course, on what position you tend to favor. Ahem.

CAPRICORN (DEC. 23 - JAN. 20)
You can find yourself in the epicenter of the social hubbub this week. Everyone vies for your limited amount of attention and affection. Sadly, not all will get it. This means that there will be a few souls with their noses out of joint. Drama! Jealousy! Intrigue! Yikes! What is it about pink Caps that make them so appealing now? Beats me.

AQUARIUS (JAN. 21 - FEB. 19)
Aqueerians learn how to balance their personal needs and relationships with their professional demands. You may be a shooting star in the corporate arena, but among partners and in certain personal relationships, you may be just another piece of cosmic debris. How quickly will you fall to earth under the weight of your own gravity? It depends upon your tail wind.

PISCES (FEB. 20 - MAR. 20)
As much as you may try to escape, the Grand Cross pulls you back to the job. Of course even while you are tied to the desk, that will not prevent your imagination from kicking in and enjoying a dreamy faraway vista. Dream on Guppie. There will be a time soon when you can enjoy some downtime in a gorgeous, relaxing locale. Or is it a local?

Transsexual Seeks Two Passports

OSLO - A Norwegian transsexual has sought the help of Norway's anti-discrimination office to assist her in obtaining two passports, reported advocate.com. The male-to-female transsexual, who prefers to remain anonymous, wants to travel as either a man or a woman and claims that traveling as a woman with a passport displaying a man's face is a difficult task since the 9/11 terrorist attacks.

It is "virtually impossible to travel as a woman. I therefore make a plea that these rules be liberalized such that trans-persons have the opportunity to have two passports," she wrote in her request to the antidiscrimination office. She added that the Ministry of Justice does grant multiple passports in some cases.

"This is a completely new problem," noted an official from the anti-discrimination office to the Norwegian News Agency.

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Wednesday, September 13th
 Men's Social Network Open to men of all ages, newcomers welcomed: 7:00pm
 Canasta! Hosted by Marvin 745-0304
 MSN Canasta is played every Wednesday at 7pm, but check back here for the host du soir. If you are a nervous first timer, you will find printed rules of play, and guys eager to get you up and in the action as you learn the game!

Thursday, September 14th
 #1Men's Social Network Open to men of all ages, newcomers welcomed: 7:00p.m.
 Triangle Tribe-A Men's Circle According to a recent study, very few people have as many close friends as they would like. Are you as connected with other men as you want to be? Do you get the support you need for issues in your life? Do you wish you had more meaningful friendships and relationships with other men? Join like-minded men at Wingspan to share feelings, thoughts and ideas in a safe, respectful space. For the same experience with both straight and gay men, join us at the regular Circle of Men meetings. Call Tom at 591-2828 for dates and times.

#2 Men's Social Network Open to men of all ages, newcomers welcomed: 7:00p.m.
 Coffee Night at Rainbow Planet on Fabulous 4th, the Premier, Central Tucson, GLBT owned and operated purveyor of stimulating caffeine enhanced beverages, delicious food, WIFI energy, and safe social intercourse. . Just show up to join in this no host cavalcade of queer conversation.

Friday, September 15.
 Tucson Prime Timers Cocktails - 5:30 p.m. Colors, 5305 E. Speedway

Saturday, September 16
 #1 Men's Social Network Open to men of all ages, newcomers welcomed: 7:30a.m. Join Robert for a morning of Volleyball. This is played for fun, and you'll get to know some nice guys as you play. Two great ways to work on your game! For details and directions please call Robert at 400-1376.

#2 Men's Social Network Open to men of all ages, newcomers welcomed: 5:30p.m. Wingspan Dinner! Dress code is Speedo to Tuxedo, and MSN has 2 tables for the event this year. Contact Curt at 877-9161 to reserve your seat at the MSN subsidized price of \$50. This year's Keynote speaker is former mayor of Tempe, and President of GLAAD, Neil Giuliano. Dinner is served, community awards are bestowed, drinks are to be had, and dancing to LeeAnne Savage rounds out this always emotional and amazing event.

#3Men's Social Network Open to men of all ages, newcomers welcomed: 7:00p.m. Shuffle over for Floating Pinochle every Saturday of the month except for first Saturday MSN Monthly Pot Luck. Call your host Jack at 887-3736. New recruits are always welcome and beginners are tutored to develop their gay Hollywood movie serial killer instincts!

Sunday, September 17th
 Men's Social Network Open to men of all ages, newcomers welcomed: 6:30p.m. Thom hosts Dinner Out at one of Tucson's Ultra-Fabulous Buffets. Price is usually under \$10 bucks. For reservations and directions, please contact Thom at 623-2941, or e-mail thomsepals@hotmail.com by the Event Sunday at Noon to facilitate reservations. There is nothing like a buffet with men to find everything you have been craving!

Tucson Prime Timers Brunch - Noon, Colors, 5305 E. Speedway

Monday, September 18th
 Men's Social Network Open to men of all ages, newcomers welcomed: 7:00p.m. Anatomy Lesson Or Card Game?!? Try your hand at Hand and Foot. A new MSN event hosted by Peter at 881-8276. This is a limited space event, so please call ahead ASAP. Come out and get carded!

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

Tuesday, September 19th
 Men's Social Network Open to men of all ages, newcomers welcomed: 7:00p.m. A Circle Of Men by Tom Saylor-Brown Are you looking for an opportunity to connect with men at a deeper level? A Circle Of Men meets every Tuesday evening. Please call Tom at 591-2828 for info and directions.

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Friday, September 22nd
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#2Men's Social Network Open to men of all ages, newcomers welcomed: 7:00 p.m. Merlin and Lee host a word for word 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 207-5336. If you're loquacious, erudite, or a wordsmith; this man's game just may be a triple word score for you!

Tucson Prime Timers Cocktails - 5:30 p.m. Colors, 5305 E. Speedway

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Tucson Prime Timers Brunch - Noon, Colors, 5305 E. Speedway

Monday, September 25th
 Men's Social Network Open to men of all ages, newcomers welcomed: 7:00p.m. Newsletter and Movie Night! Once a month, the men of MSN get together to help get their newsletter in the mail. Requiring very little effort, this is a great way of socializing, and also a great way to find out all the dirt for next month's Calendar a whole 3 days earlier than the average MSN member. The movie, shown after the newsletter is put to bed for this month, is "Sex/Life In LA 2". Arlan is hosting this event, and you can contact him at 323-7414 for info and directions.

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

Tuesday, September 26th
 #1Men's Social Network Open to men of all ages, newcomers welcomed: 6:30p.m. Cheap Movie Night at The Crossroads Movie Theatres at Grant and Swan. We will vote on the movie to see and see it together. If there are dissenting votes, at least we will be in the same building together. For more than competent info, contact MSN'S and Southern Arizona's

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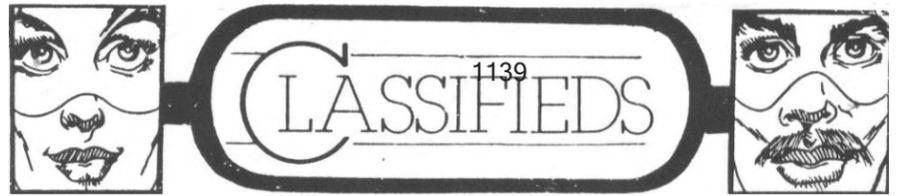
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UK Military Pays \$1.6M To Settle G/L Bias Claims

LONDON - In the six years since Great Britain ended the ban on Gays serving in the military the government has paid out more than \$1.6 million to servicemembers drummed out of the service because of their sexuality, 365Gay.com reported. The figures represent 24 former servicemembers who threatened court action over their dismissal after the removal of the ban in 2000. More than 60 claims are still pending.

The LGBT rights group Stonewall began a legal challenge to the ban on Gays and Lesbians in the military in 1998. The case eventually went to the European Court which ruled the ban was discriminatory and violated the European charter on human rights. In January 2000 the government abolished the prohibition.

The highest payout was to one former soldier for about a quarter of a million dollars. The average was about \$65,000. Among the claims still to be settled are those of 27 former Army, 19 former RAF and 16 former Navy personnel. Negotiations in those case are ongoing the government said.

Liberal Democrats assailed the Blair government for not doing enough to protect LGBT soldiers. "These disclosures suggest there are unacceptable levels of discrimination against homosexuals in the armed

forces," said Nick Harvey, the Liberal Democrat defense critic. "Ministers must set out exactly what measures they will be taking to address these problems and to prevent such abuse."

Despite the firings the military has made some improvements over the past year. Last December, when civil partnerships in the UK became legal, the Ministry of Defense announced that same-sex couples would be eligible for marriage quarters on bases throughout the country.

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DAILY BAR CALENDAR

SUNDAY

COLORS - Open 11m - 11pm Champagne Brunch 11am - 2pm with choice of complimentary mimosa, Bloody Mary or Screwdriver. Happy Hour 4-7pm \$3 Skyy Cocktails, \$2.50 Domestic and well. Full menu served 2-10pm. Nightly dinner specials. Live music performed by Dickie Steed during Brunch (11:30-2:30)

HOWL AT THE MOON - Open at 10am. \$2.50 Smirnoff Vodkas all day. Watch your favorite NFL team here. Free Texas Hold-Em Poker Tournaments at 4:00, and 7:00 pm. Ply for points and prizes - no cash involved.

IBT's -Troy's Recovery Bar noon-4pm. 4-7:30 Karaoke on the patio. Benefit B-B-Q for the Pride Parade 5:30-7:30 and dance with DJ Mike Lopez 9pm to close.

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 Bar open 2pm-close. Yard games on the grass. Beer Bust 16oz \$1 2-7pm. \$2.50 Sirloin or Chicken Burgers w/sides 5-9pm. Karaoke with Michael D. 9pm-close. DJ Jeff on the Patio 9pm. Drag Bingo every other Sunday 8-9

YARD DOG - Open 10am - 2am. Patio Bar opens at 7pm.

MONDAY

COLORS - Closed on Mondays.

HOWL AT THE MOON - Open at 3 pm. Happy Hour 3 - 8 pm, \$2.50 well, domestic longnecks & pints. Kitchen open 4 - 9 pm. Watch Monday Night Football here!

IBT's -Open Noon. Happy Hour Noon-8pm, DJ Craig Carter 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 Martinis 4-8pm..

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 8am. 50¢ off any Top Shelf Rum until 8pm. Beer Bust 4-8pm. Patio Bar opens 7pm

TUESDAY

COLORS - Open 4-11pm. Happy Hour 4-7 \$3 Skyy cocktails, \$2.50 Domestic and well. Game Night with Dan 5-7pm and nightly dinner specials.

HOWL AT THE MOON - Open at 3 pm. Happy Hour 3 - 8 pm, \$2.50 well, domestic longnecks & pints. Kitchen open 4-9pm. Free Texas Hold-Em Poker for women only at 6:30 p.m. Play for points and prizes - no cash involved. Great way to learn the game or sharpen your skills.

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

VENTURE-N - Open 9am. Patio 7pm. 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 8am.50¢ off any Top Shelf Tequila until 8pm Beer Bust 4-8pm. Patio Bar Opens 7pm.

WEDNESDAY

COLORS - Open 4-11pm. Happy Hour 4-7pm, \$3 Skyy cocktails, \$2.50 Domestic and well. Full menu served 4-10pm. Nightly dinner specials.

HOWL AT THE MOON - Open at 3 pm. Happy Hour 3 - 8 pm, \$2.50 well, domestic longnecks & pints, Kitchen open 4 - 9 pm. Free Texas Hold-Em Poker Tournament at 6:30 pm for Women Only and open tournaments at 7 and 10. Play for points & prizes - no cash involved. Great way to learn the game or sharpen your skills.

IBT's - Open Noon. Happy Hour Noon-8pm, "Diva-Licious" show 9pm w/ Bunny Fu Fu& Friends. After show dance with DJ Q til 2am,

VENTURE-N - Open 9am. Patio 7pm. 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 8am.50¢ off any Top Shelf Vodka until 8pm Beer Bust 4-8pm. Patio Bar Opens 7pm.

THURSDAY

COLORS - Open 4-11pm. Happy Hour 4-7pm,\$3 Skyy cocktails, \$2.50 Domestic and Well. Full menu served 4-10pm. Nightly dinner specials.

HOWL AT THE MOON - Open at 3 pm. Happy Hour 3 - 8 pm, \$2.50 well, domestic longnecks & pints. Kitchen open 4 - 9 pm.

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 7pm. Free Pool til 4pm. Pool Tourney 7pm. \$3 entry. Special prices for players. Steak Nite (3rd Thursday during summer). 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 8am.50¢ off any Top Shelf Bourbon til 8pm. Beer Bust 4-8pm. Patio Bar 7pm.

FRIDAY

COLORS - Open 4pm-1am. Happy Hour 4-7pm, \$3 Skyy cocktails, \$2.50 Domestic and Well. Full menu served 4-11pm. Nightly Dinner Specials. 6:30-9:30pm. "Hot Jazz, Cool Martinis" with Susan Artemis and Craig Faltin. 10pm "Guys & Dolls" hosted by Lucinda Holliday. 21 and over.

HOWL AT THE MOON - Open at 3 pm. Happy Hour 3 - 8 pm, \$2.50 well, domestic longnecks & pints. Kitchen open 4 - 9 pm. Free Two-Step lessons with Amanda every other Friday. Call 293-7339 for schedule. DJ Pat plays your favorite country dance songs 8:30 to close. Kitchen open 9 pm - midnight serving late night munchies.

IBT's - Open Noon. Happy Hour Noon-8pm, 9pm Hot Dance with DJ Mike Lopez outside on the patio and DJ Raynman spinning club music inside.9pm-2am.

VENTURE-N - Open 9am. Patio open 7pm. Free Pool til 4pm.

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 8am.50¢ off any Top Shelf Gin until 8pm. Beer Bust 4-8pm. Patio Bar Opens 7pm

SATURDAY

COLORS - Open 4pm-1am, Happy Hour 4-7pm, \$3 Skyy cocktails, \$2.50 Domestic and Well Full menu served 4-11pm. Nightly dinner specials. Hot new jazz duo "Sunyatta" performs 7:00-10:00pm.

HOWL AT THE MOON - Open at 11:00 am. Happy Hour 11 am - 8 pm, \$2.50 well, domestic longnecks & pints. Kitchen open 11am -9pm. Cheeseburger & Fries Special for \$4.50 all day. Best burgers around. Johnny D playing dance mix. Kitchen open 9pm to midnight serving late night munchies menu.

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 Janee 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.

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 8am. Beer Bust 4-8pm. \$1.25 glass, \$2.25 pitcher. Patio Bar Opens 7pm.

Arts and Entertainment

Now Playing thru September 24

"The Lion King" Broadway's Award Winning Musical. At Tucson Music Hall. Tickets: Tucson Convention Center Box Office, 260 S. Church Ave. Ticketmaster 321-1000.

Now Playing Thru October 1

Live Theatre Workshop presents Ira Levin's 'Deathtrap' a comedy about a playwright. Performances 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Friday, Saturday and 3:00p.m. Sunday., 327-4242.

Now Playing Thru November 1

Gaslight Theatre presents "Phantom of the Opera" adapted by Poeter Van Slyke. 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday. 7:00 and 9:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday. 3:00 and 7:00 p.m. Sundays. 886-9428.

Now Playing Thru September 30

Arizona Theatre Company (ATC) presents William Shakespeare's "Twelfth Night" as part of Shakespeare for a New Generation, a national theater initiative sponsored by the National Endowment for the Arts in cooperation with Arts Midwest. Directed by Jon Jory

Arts and Entertainment

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who directed last seasons elegant "Pride and Prejudice". ATC Box Office 520-622-2823

September 11 thru October 1

The Invisible Theatre presents "Rounding Third" by Richard Dresser. One's never wrong and the other's always right...a recipe for fireworks...just what happens in a riotously funny play about two mismatched little league coaches and their tumultuous baseball season which begs the age-old question of what's really important - is it whether you win, or is it really how you play the game? 1400 N. First Avenue (at Drachman). \$22 - \$25 per person. Call 882-9721 for reservations and information.

October 6

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BAR CALENDAR

Of Upcoming Events

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

WOODY'S - Project Runway Underwear Nite and Contest for Most Creative Underwear. \$50 first place. (Minimum four contestants) 10:30 p.m.

VENTURE-N - Cajun Buffet prepared by Chef Howard - 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

HOWL AT THE MOON - It's her 1st time ... Turning 50! Come One, Come All to celebrate Tammi Caprice aka Venetia 8:00 p.m.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

WOODY'S - September Birthday? Celebrate at Woody's. Register with your favorite Bartender.

YARD DOG SALOON - Sonny and Band live on stage at 9:00 p.m. ATC's "Twelfth Night" cast and crew Party at 10:00 p.m.

SATURDAY, SEPT EMBER 16

HOWL AT THE MOON - CD Release Party for Amber Gaia, 8:30 p.m.

WOODY'S - UofA Red and Blue Party and Tailgate Party 7:00 p.m. Bud and Bud Light special during the game. Watch the game on the giant 6' Screen. Food and Drink specials.

Yard Dog - Deb's Taco Bar 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. TKO Beer Bust 3:00 to 7:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

WOODY'S - Sarong Underwear Party 8:00 p.m. until closing. Drink specials for those who participate.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

HOWL AT THE MOON - Karoke starts up again tonight and every Thursday with Rosemary

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

WOODY'S - Earthquake Party

SATURDAY, SEPT EMBER 23

HOWL AT THE MOON - TMI is here playing classic rock, blues and more.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

WOODY'S - Arizona Gay Idol Party.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

VENTURE-N - Steak Night 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

HOW L AT THE MOON - Phoenix AGRA here with Pussy LeHoot as your hostess. Mark your calendars now!

WOODY'S - 1ST Desert Decadence Party. Tomorrow too!

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

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 360-3795 or write P.O. Box 36264, Tucson, AZ 85740-6264. All replies confidential.

GLBT-friendly AL-ANON group meets Saturdays at 11am at Unitarian Universalist Church, 4831 E. 22nd Street, Tucson.

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 298-6727, 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 (GPGCC) P.O. BOX 2097, Phoenix, AZ 85001-2097. E-mail: webmaster@gpgcc.org or call (602)225-8444.

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

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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, dances Tuesdays. from 6:30-9 p.m. at Cornerstone Fellowship Social Hall, 2902 N. Geronimo (Northwest of 1st Ave. and Glenn). No experience, no partner required! For more info contact David at 325-6739, or visit www.azgaydance.org

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, 425 E. 7th Street. 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, contract **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 Wednesday 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.

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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.

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SOUTHERN ARIZONA GENDER ALLIANCE (SAGA). The Southwest's largest transgender and gender-diversity advocacy organization. Speakers and panelists available. General meetings monthly on the 1st Mondays at 7pm; Dezert Girlz (MTF Support) meets 2nd Mondays at 7pm; Dezert Boyz (FTM Support) meets 3rd Tuesdays at 7pm. Also serving partners, youth, intersex, service providers and allies. Call (520)624-1779 x26 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 Thursday evenings 7-10pm at the Historic Y, corner of University Blvd. And 5th Ave. Join us!! Call 304-1758 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

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, and reading from Buddhist Spiritual text and discussion. Bring a friend and a pillow or cushion. Takes place every Sunday from 10-11:30AM at Wingspan, 425 E. 7th St. Donations accepted. Contact Maurice Grossman for more info. 323-2293.

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.

The new **MAN TO MAN INTENTIONAL COMMUNITY** is meeting about honoring the spiritual side of ourselves. It is the men's social/erotic group that offers passionate friendships, fun activities, and real tantric sex education. Call Marc 881-4582 in advance Check it out. We meet the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays, 7-9pm. Potluck dinner. Donation.



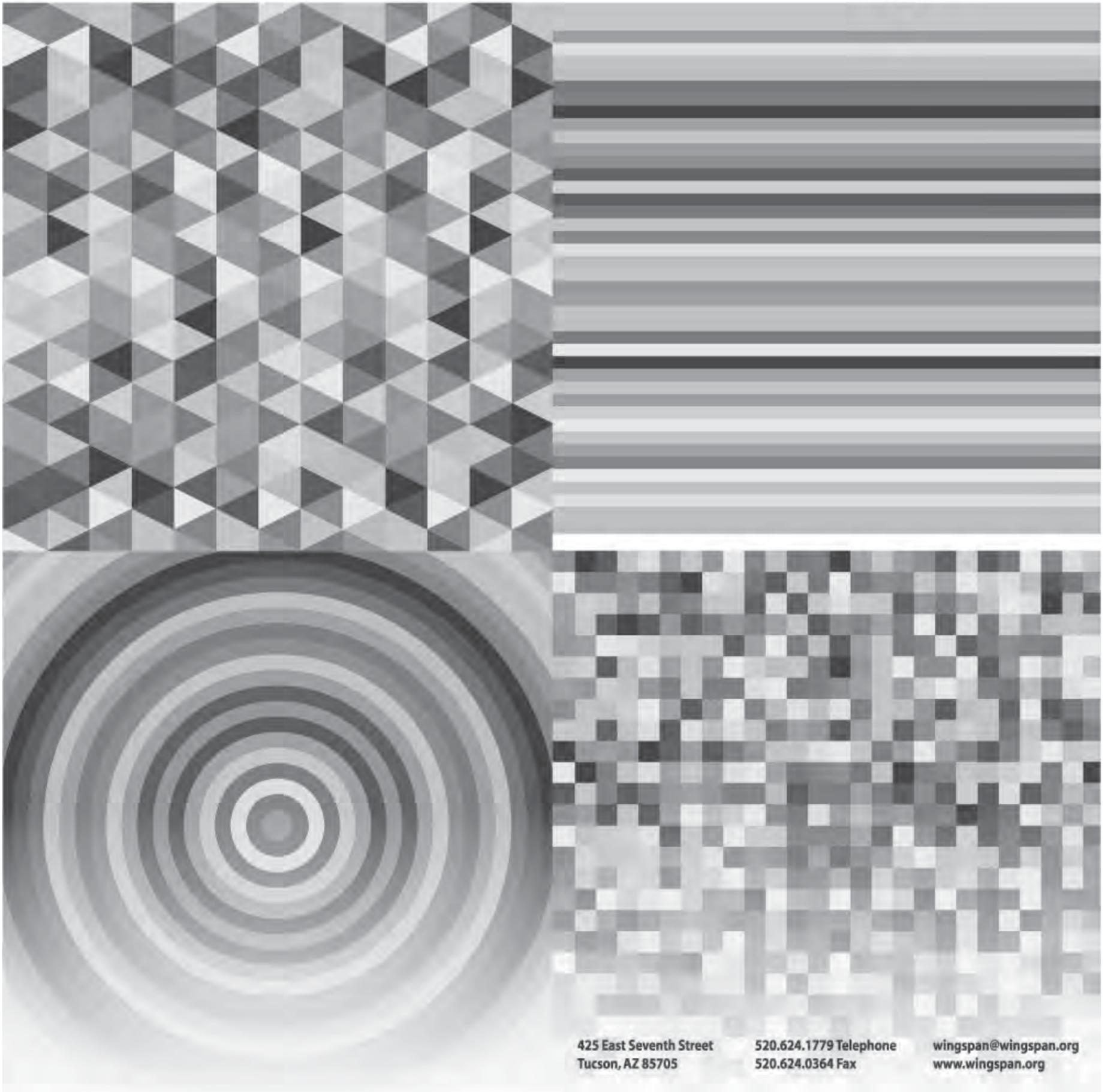
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