



'National Freedom To Marry Day' Celebration In Tucson Feb. 12

TUCSON - The national debate on allowing same-sex marriages will move to Tucson when QueerVoice hosts a discussion with youth, activists and community leaders as part of the National Freedom to Marry Day celebration.

The group is planning a citywide event that aims to educate the public about the issue beginning at 2:00 P.M., Feb. 12 in the downstairs conference room of the Main Library in downtown Tucson.

Youth from QueerVoice decided to pursue the issue after attending the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force's Creating Change 1999 activism and leadership conference in Oakland, Calif.

QueerVoice sees the issue of marriage as important to a healthy environment for today's youth because marriage is a foundation of family, a critical component to prosperous youth. QueerVoice also wants to convey that Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgendered (GLBT) youth are first-class citizens who are capable of having healthy, long-term committed relationships.

Additional attention is expected to be drawn to the issue when event planners organize a commitment ceremony for Gay and Lesbian couples that will be performed by the Rev. Joyce Cook of MCC Water of Life Church.

"Currently, no state in this country legally recognizes the right of its Gay or Lesbian citizens to marry," said Steve Hall, president of Wingspan, Tucson's GLBT community center. "Additionally, no state has made available an equivalent civil contract. However, in the wake of the historic ruling in Vermont and the previous case in Hawaii, 30 states have passed legislation specifically banning same-gender marriage." Hall referred to landmark cases in Hawaii and Vermont that have fueled national debate about whether same-sex couples should be granted the same marriage rights as mixed-sex couples.

The dispute in Hawaii began in 1993 when its Supreme Court ruled that denying same-sex couples the freedom to

marry discriminates on the basis of sex. It ordered that a trial be held to see whether the state could offer a compelling reason to limit marriage to mixed-sex couples.

After the trial, a state judge ruled in December 1996 that excluding same-sex couples from the right to marry violates Hawaii's constitution. The case continued on Nov. 3, 1998 when right-wing groups succeeded in pushing an amendment to the Hawaii constitution that the Legislature "shall have the power to reserve marriage to a man and a woman."

In response, the Hawaii Supreme Court asked both sides to prepare briefs outlining the effects of the amendment. A ruling against same-sex couples came down on Dec. 9, 1999 according to the Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund.

A more positive decision was handed down Dec. 20, 1999 in Vermont when that state's Supreme Court ruled that Gay and Lesbian couples are entitled to the same benefits and protections as married homosexual couples.

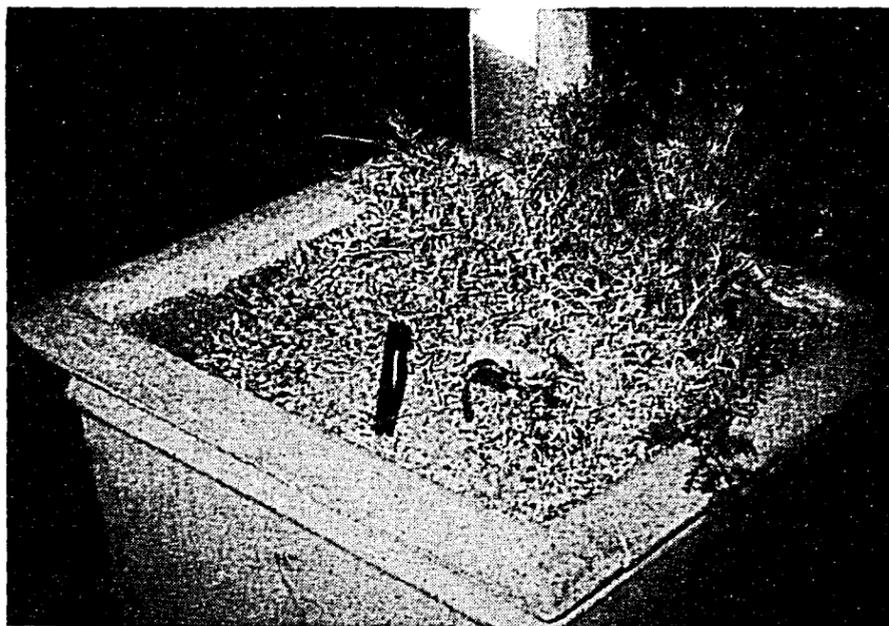
The high court stopped short of giving Gays and Lesbians the right to marry, leaving it instead to the Legislature to decide whether to legalize same-sex marriages or create some kind of domestic partnership status to ensure rights. Gay organizations hailed the decision as the most far-reaching of its kind in the United States and said it represents their best chance of winning the right to marriage for the first time anywhere in the country.

Because of cases such as those, National Freedom to Marry Day was launched on Feb. 12, 1998 by the National Freedom to Marry Coalition, a network of groups and individuals organized to educate the public about the issue.

During that first observance, more than 50 events were organized across the country. In 1999, that number grew to more than 70 events in 32 states from Alaska to Connecticut. The Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund lists the fol-

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Local Gay Man Stabbed In Reported Hate Crime



TUCSON - Pictured above is the knife, which was shoved into a planter on the corner of N. 4th Avenue and E. 5th Street and allegedly used by Gary Grayson in the stabbing of a University of Arizona student last Sunday, Feb. 6. It was photographed as police were awaiting the arrival of Tucson Police Department investigators. Grayson was arrested shortly after the crime. See story below.

TUCSON (ON) - The victim of an attack, recovering from his wounds, said in a television interview, that the perpetrator stated, "let this be a warning to the Gay community."

The victim, a Gay, 20 year-old UA student was stabbed outside the Rainbow Planet Coffee House, 606 N. Fourth Avenue, Sunday night, Feb. 6., in what police and witnesses called a hate crime.

Witnesses reported that the student was stabbed, moments after he walked out to the patio area of Rainbow Planet Coffee House, by a man wielding a knife.

Brandon Holmes, a Rainbow Planet employee and friend of the assaulted man, said in an interview, that at about 9:30 P.M., a man came from behind the student and stabbed him in the back and then shoved the knife into a flower pot on the street. The victim, is an active member of the UA's Pride Alliance, (formerly known as BGALA, the Gay and Lesbian student group), and requests to remain anonymous.

Holmes said the student had a "good-sized wound in the back," and "bled through his shirt." His back rib stopped the knife from entering a lung, Holmes added.

"I was up on the patio with him," Holmes said. "Everybody was yelling there was a stabbing."

"There was no provocation for the attack," Holmes said.

Gary Grayson, of a general delivery address, was identified by witnesses, as

the man who stabbed the student in the back, shouting, "Jesus hates fags, and this is what all fags deserve."

Police arrested Grayson about 11:00 P.M., Sunday night, on Fourth Avenue near Seventh Street. He was charged with aggravated assault and remained in the Pima County Jail in lieu of a \$10,000 bond.

If convicted, Grayson could receive a tougher penalty under provisions of Arizona's hate crimes statute. The law, passed by the Legislature in 1997, allows judges to impose harsher sentences if a crime victim was targeted because of race, color, religion, national origin, sexual orientation, gender or disability.

Jim Luiz, who also witnessed the stabbing, said Grayson made statements to other customers at the cafe about Jesus hating homosexuals.

"One thing about being a Gay man is that you know there's violence," Luiz said. "I think the intolerance is becoming more dramatic, but very few Gay men would come forward and talk about it."

The student was transported to University Medical Center, where he was admitted and treated. The student was released from the hospital early Monday and is recovering at home with no permanent injury, Holmes said.

But the student, said in an interview, he hopes to keep a positive outlook. The student said he holds no anger toward the perpetrator, but he won't be a victim

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FREE VALENTINES IN THE FEBRUARY 16TH ISSUE OF THE OBSERVER.

Leave your Valentine messages at any of Tucson's Gay Bars, or at Antigone Books, Rainbow Planet Coffee House, Wingspan, Desert Pride or S.A.A.F., or send directly to the Observer at any of the addresses on page two.

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UPDATE

Valentine's Day Dance At MCC Tucson

TUCSON - Water of Life Metropolitan Community Church will host its third annual Valentine's Dance, "A Valentine's Dance to Remember," Saturday, Feb. 12, 8:00 P.M. to midnight.

Live music for the dance will be provided by local artists Sabra Faulk. There will be door prizes and raffles for more prizes and services. Wonderful food will be served and photos will be taken.

Tickets are \$5, and are available at the church, the night of the event or Antigone Books.

Earlier the same day, the Rev. Joyce Cook, pastor of Water of Life, will be serving as the clergy to perform a Rite of Blessing at the Freedom to Marry Day at the Tucson Main Library.

For information about these events, or the church services, please call (520) 292-9151.

Treasures For TIHAN

TUCSON - The third annual Treasures for TIHAN (Tucson Interfaith HIV/AIDS Network), will take place Saturday, Feb. 19, at St. Phillip's in the Hills, (River Road and Campbell).

A preview/silent auction will take place from 5:30 to 7:00 P.M., and a live auction will take place from 7:00 to 8:30 P.M. A buffet and hors d'oeuvres will be served. The suggested donation is \$10.

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

Sex Workshop To Be Offered

TUCSON - Merryl Sloane, a speaker and teacher who has been leading who has been leading sexuality classes and seminars since 1992, will present a workshop called "Great Sex & Secret Desires: Exploring Erotic Possibilities" at Wingspan, 300 East Sixth Street, Tuesday, Feb. 29, 7:00 P.M.

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Adults of all genders and sexual orientations are welcome. The cost is \$5. For more information, call (520) 624-1779.

Culture Q Hiring

TUCSON - Just call them the "MGM of Tucson."

Culture Q Connection will be starting their first video production on "First Gay Superhero," Friday, Feb. 11. Thirty-five actors are cast in this feature.

Culture Q has moved into new offices, quadrupling the size of the old location. Michael Shoel stated that they are also expanding their office workforce, looking for a bookkeeper and sales associate. For more information, call (520) 622-2400.

See the advertisement in this week's Observer.

'The Secret Garden' March 25

TUCSON - "The Secret Garden" will be presented at St. Francis in the Foothills UMC, 4625 E. River Road.

Featuring a cast of 26, "The Secret Garden" is a full length original musical production. Performances are Thursday, Mar. 2, 7:30 P.M., Friday, Mar. 3, 4:30 P.M., Saturday, Mar. 4, 3:30 P.M. and 7:30 P.M., and Sunday, Mar. 5, 3:30 P.M.

Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$5 for children. Call (520) 299-9063 x20 for tickets.

GMHP Forum Announced

TUCSON - Gay Men's Health Project is sponsoring a forum for the next six weeks: "Finding True Love In A Man Eat Man World" to be held at the Coffee Xchange on the NW corner of Grant and Campbell in a private meeting room

The first session will take place Thursday, February 10th from 6:00 to 8:00 pm. Just bring your two cents worth because GMHP is picking up the tab.

The forum is based on a book by the same name. Find answers to subjects such as how to jump into the dating pool and not bellyflop; How to build healthy relationships from the ground up; and how about the rewards of ending a date with a 'good night' and not a 'good morning'.

Watch for future forum dates. For more info call SAAF at 628-7223 ext. 232.

34th Annual Alliance Book Sale

TUCSON - The Alliance, a volunteer organization of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Tucson, will conduct its 34th annual Book Sale in Goddard Hall at the church, March 31-April 2.

The hours for the book sale are: Friday, 9:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M., Saturday, 9:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M., Sunday, 9:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M., at half price.

The sale will feature a large selection of paperback and hardback novels, non-fiction books of all kinds. Proceeds from the sale are used to support the funding of church programs. For more information, call (520) 748-1551.

POZ Cafe Monthly Luncheon Feb. 17

TUCSON - People living with HIV are invited to Poz Cafe, a free lunch along with social and recreation activities Thursday, Feb. 17, at St. Francis in the Foothills UMC (corner of Swan and River Roads).

Doors will open at 11:30 A.M., with lunch served at noon. This month's menu will celebrate the Chinese New Year and bring in the Year of the Dragon. In honor of the festivities, Poz will be serving Chicken Lo-Mein or Vegetable Lo-Mein, with a selection desserts with fortune cookies. In addition, there will be a variety of caffeinated and decaffeinated teas and coffee served. Water of Life MCC is providing the main dishes from the Szechuan Omei restaurant.

Like all Tucson Interfaith HIV/AIDS Network (TIHAN) programs, it's Gay friendly, free, and no proselytizing or evangelizing is permitted; the purpose is to enhance social opportunities and nutrition for people living with HIV/AIDS.

Reservation are requested so that TIHAN can have an idea of how much to cook. Each HIV+ person may have one guest accompany them if they so choose. Attendees and volunteers will be reminded of confidentiality concerns.

Transportation can be provided with advance notice and please note the change in the way the transportation is scheduled, now done with one phone call to the TIHAN office.

For more information about POZ Cafe, or to make your reservations, which are required, or request transportation, by Monday, Feb. 14., please call the TIHAN office, (520) 299-6647.

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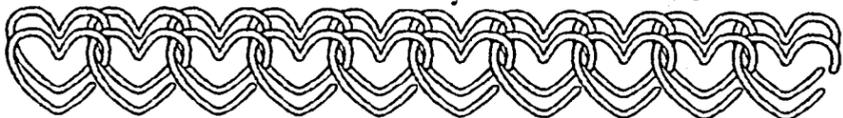
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Pentagon Institutes Anti-Harrassment Training

WASHINGTON, DC - The Pentagon announced the institution of sweeping new guidelines that will require every member of the armed forces, regardless of rank, to undergo training by the end of the year to prevent anti-Gay harassment.

The murder of Pfc. Barry Winchell, a Gay private in Kentucky last July, sparked a wave of criticism and changed the political calculus surrounding the "don't ask, don't tell, don't pursue" issue. Tremendous pressure was put on Secretary of Defense William S. Cohen to put an end to lax enforcement of policy guidelines.

Cohen ordered each of the armed services to prepare training programs and asked senior civilian and military leaders of the Army, Navy, Air Force and Marines to remind commanders anti-Gay threats and harassment will not be tolerated.

"What this does is try to make the training more regular and to emphasize, from the top down, that this is a priority of all the services and to make this emphasis stronger and clearer than it was before," said Kenneth H. Bacon, a Pentagon spokesman.

The Pentagon has never made "don't ask, don't tell" a training subject for all armed forces personnel and that it has never sent out messages to the field specifically ordering full compliance with policy guidelines - two things advocates for Gay military personnel have been demanding since the policy was adopted in 1993.

"This is a victory to finally have this training and to have this message sent out to the field but it's a shame it took the murder of a private at Fort Campbell to get them to do this," said Michelle Benecke, co-director of the Servicemembers Legal Defense Network.

The content of these training sessions have not yet been finalized in all four branches of the military, but The Times notes sessions in the Army and Navy are already underway.

In the Army's program soldiers are told they should not fear coming under investigation themselves if they report anti-Gay harassment and that contrary to widely held belief, they cannot be investigated if they go to a Gay bar, read Gay magazines or have Gay friends. Soldiers are also informed that there is now in effect a "zero tolerance for harassment" policy and that "derogatory, persistent, threatening or annoying behavior" is unacceptable in any form, on or off duty.

The Navy's presentation is focused on developing trust and respect for all sailors in the service. Sailors are given examples of harassment and told commanding officers are to "take immediate steps to protect the safety of the victim, stop the threatening behavior, and hold those responsible for the harassment accountable."

The Pentagon also announced that the number of service members discharged because they were homosexuals dropped in the fiscal year that ended on Sept. 30 - to 1,034 from 1,145 the year before.

Wingspan Plans Community Forum On Hate Crimes

TUCSON - A public educational forum on hate crimes is being planned for 7:00 P.M. Wednesday, Feb. 16 at Wingspan, Tucson's Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgendered community center at 300 East Sixth Street.

The event is being organized in response to an apparent hate crime that allegedly was directed at members of the Gay community on Sunday, Feb 6., at Rainbow Planet Coffee House, 606 N. Fourth Ave. According to reports, the incident occurred when a man seated at the coffee house with friends was approached from behind and stabbed by another man who was then heard to shout anti Gay sentiments.

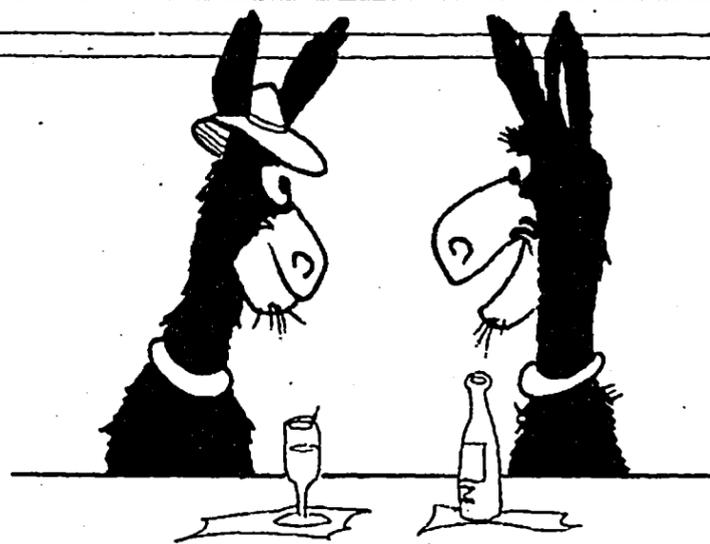
The assailant was arrested and the victim was taken to a local hospital and is now recuperating at home.

The program for Wednesday, Feb. 16 will include a representative of the Tucson Police Department who will offer statistics on the frequency of hate crimes in Tucson and information on how they are prosecuted. In addition, the officer will provide advice and tips on what community members can do to help police if they witness a hate crime or are a victim of one.

Wingspan also is inviting a member of Tucson's Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and

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Orange Calif. Gay Straight Alliance Update

ORANGE, CA (NP) - A judge's injunction is still in place and the Gay Straight Alliance will soon meet on campus, none too soon for the students who face increasing threats and an ongoing legal battle.

his confirmation hearings. A 55-year-old married father of six, he is a decorated Vietnam veteran. A long-time friend called him tough and no-nonsense but compassionate and guided by his conscience.

The Gay Straight Alliance (GSA) was planning to hold its first meeting on the grounds of El Modena High School in Orange, California this week after winning a temporary injunction from a federal court on February 5. The group had previously been meeting in an outdoor area across the street from the school, since being denied access by the trustees of the Orange Unified School District (OUSD). Some teachers, administrators and students had praise, congratulations, hugs, handshakes, and balloons for plaintiffs Anthony Colin, 15, and Heather Zetin, 16.

In determining that barring the GSA from meeting at the school while its lawsuit is in progress would constitute an irreparable harm to the students, Carter cited a precedent in which an after-school Bible club had been found to face irreparable injury if denied meetings for a year.

But Colin also reported some threats of violence, and said he's increasingly experiencing abuse from strangers as the case has made him more widely recognized. He draws strength from a remark of Albert Einstein's that, "Great spirits always encounter violent opposition from mediocre minds."

Also, regarding the OUSD's claim that the GSA is actually a "curriculum-related" club relating to sex education, the ruling clarified that the Equal Access Act protects both non-curricular clubs and those directly related to curriculum, as long as the latter do not "materially and substantially interfere" with the teaching of the curriculum.

Some students are concerned that the school board may choose to eliminate all non-curricular clubs in order to block the GSA from meeting, as was done in Salt Lake City, Utah. The board met in emergency closed session February 5, but the content of those deliberations have not been reported publicly.

The "Los Angeles Times" quoted one student in the OUSD saying, "We're always on the news. I don't think it's a good thing. The reason we're on the news is not because we scored the highest. It has nothing to do with education. It's always for some other reason." The student's father said, "You have a school board that is conservative, and got in on a conservative platform, and you have a radical [teachers] union that ran [candidates] against these people. The culture wars writ small - that's what's going on in OUSD."

The "Orange County Register" did report that about a dozen of those protesting against the GSA outside the federal courthouse in Santa Ana on February 5 were actually a Salt Lake City, Utah group called America Forever Foundation, whose spokesperson said, "We are not against Gays. We are against teaching the children about homosexuality. We don't want children hearing even the word when they are young. We want to stop the propaganda."

There is deep division between the teacher's union and the OUSD over past contracted benefits that haven't been paid, and senior teachers have been leaving the district (the union estimates 350 teachers with 10 years or more experience have left OUSD in the last three years, two thirds of them to go to other districts). The OUSD board that took office in the early 1990's rejects what it calls "social welfare" programs in schools: it rejected bilingual education a year before the state, rejected federal funds for a school-to-work program (1996), and rejected a state-funded psychological counseling program (1997). But as one trustee pointed out, while there have been many lawsuits, it's not the board that has filed them.

U.S. District Judge David Carter was appointed to the federal bench in January 1999 by President Bill Clinton, but won praise from both sides of the aisle during

SAAF Positions Available

TUCSON - The Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation (SAAF) is seeking qualified individuals for the following positions:

Gay Men's Health Project Outreach Specialist: Energetic individual sought for half time, (20 hrs/wk) position to provide outreach, recruitment, and health education for Gay and Bisexual men in Southern Arizona. Applicants should be familiar with Gay bar culture and possess excellent communications skills. Salary range: \$8,500 to \$10,500.

Health Advocate: (.75 FTE) sought to investigate and communicate health trends and resources for people with HIV/AIDS, provide advocacy, and facilitate advisory groups. HIV+ or directly affected highly desirable. Requires education/experience in public health, HIV/AIDS issues, group facilitation. Up to \$19,000/year, excellent benefits.

Support Services Coordinator: Experienced program coordinator sought to oversee delivery of support services (transportation, food, buddies, holiday gifts) to people with HIV/AIDS. Requires experience in grant-funded social services, excellent organizational skills, experience working with volunteers, BA in human service field. Salary up to \$25,000, excellent bene-

fits.

To apply, pick up job description and application instructions, Monday through Friday, 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M., at 375 South Euclid Avenue, or call (520) 628-7223 to have them faxed to you. Open until filled. AA/EOE.

Community Forum

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Transgender Commission to attend and offer background and information on what that group is doing to address the issue of hate crimes within the city.

The session also will offer community members an opportunity to ask questions or speak out about hate crimes.

Membership information will be available on joining Wingspan or any of Tucson's other GLBT community groups. Wingspan also will provide voter registration and forms. For information about this or any other Wingspan event, contact the center from 11:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M., Monday through Saturday, (520) 624-1779.



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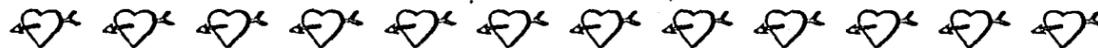


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by Mark R. Kerr

"Killing Creationism Through HIV Education"

State Representative Steve May, R-Phoenix, was going to offer an amendment to HB 2585, which was before the House Committee of the Whole (COW), Tuesday, Feb. 8. HB 2585, sponsored by state Representative Karen Johnson, R-Mesa, would have required the teaching of "creationism," alongside the teaching of "evolution," in the science classes across Arizona.

May's amendment was the same language found in HB 2665, the bill which would have allowed teachers and educators to discuss with students about the AIDS virus, the causes, without any limits on what they could say. It would repeal current state policy, censoring what can be discussed in the classroom about HIV.

About his amendment, May commented, "if Karen Johnson wants accuracy in the teaching of evolution in the classroom, there should be accuracy in the teaching about HIV education in the classroom as well."

On the floor of the Arizona House, May waited for the right moment, to "drop" his amendment on Johnson's bill. He waited, and waited, but HB 2585 never came up for consideration.

It was held by the House Speaker, Representative Jeff Groscoast, R-Mesa.

May wasn't through for the day. Another of Johnson's bills, dealing with sexual conduct, HB 2587, was on the COW calendar Tuesday as well. The Phoenix representative was going to attach an amendment, repealing the state's ignored, but still valid "archaic laws." His amendment was the same language as SB 1471.

Again May waited to "drop" this amendment, but the bill was never heard. The House Speaker had struck again.

Killing bad legislation by the radical right by threat of progressive amendments was part of a busy time in the Arizona Legislature for Gays and Lesbians.

The Senate Government and Environmental Stewardship (GES) Committee, on Monday, Feb. 7, heard SB 1438. Sponsored by state Senator David Petersen, R-Mesa, SB 1438 would have made the extension of medical benefits to the domestic partners, of government employees a thing of the past, by:

Defining who can receive medical benefits. SB 1438 states that only the "spouses of" and legal dependents of employees could get benefits without question. Under Arizona Statute, a spouse is defined an individual in a marriage recognized by the state, a heterosexual marriage.

Requiring a vote by the respective governmental body. In Petersen's bill, "provisions of insurance coverage to persons other than employees shall be authorized only on a majority vote of the governing body of the city or town." With the flurry of legislation being considered, this provision could have been easily amended to require a vote of the people. State Representative Karen Johnson, R-Mesa, attempted this last year, with her two bills aimed at dismantling the City of Tucson and the Pima County Board of Supervisors decisions to extend medical benefits. Both bills were defeated.

Prohibiting the "Department of

Administration (state government) from providing benefits to persons other than the officers and employees and their spouses and their legal dependents."

During the committee hearing, state Senator Elaine Richardson, D-Tucson, confronted Petersen on his bill.

Richardson asked the Mesa Republican where did the bill come from. Petersen replied "himself only." She then commented that Petersen "was trying to punish those government entities," such as the cities of Tucson and Tempe, and the Pima County government, because "he didn't like the fact that domestic partners were getting benefits."

"It's a total preemption of Pima County and Tucson's ability to run their governments," Richardson said of Petersen's action. Under the Arizona constitution, cities and towns that have a charter can enact laws. Both Tucson and Tempe have charters. In 1998, the courts ruled that the Pima County Board of Supervisors was within their legal authority to extend benefits to the domestic partners of their employees.

SB 1438 failed in the Senate GES Committee, by a 4-4 vote. Senator Marc Spitzer, R-Phoenix, left the meeting before the vote. SB 1438 was also assigned to the Senate Financial Institutions and Retirement Committee, but wasn't on the schedule to be heard for this week. With the deadline to hear Senate bills before Senate committees passing this week, this measure is dead in its current form, but could come back as an amendment on another bill. Sources stated that is very likely for this contentious issue.

Meanwhile, SB 1471, which would repeal the state's archaic "blue laws," was heard before the Senate Judiciary Committee Tuesday, Feb. 8.

In a packed hearing room, Senators heard testimony from proponents of repealing the archaic laws, including: Gays, Lesbians and a large contingent of senior citizens.

After the testimony, the Judiciary Committee approved SB 1471 by a 6-2 vote.

State Representative Steve May, R-Phoenix, was pleased that the bill was approved, and heard before the Senate Judiciary Committee, since previous attempts had to be moved through the legislature through amending other legislation.

The future though for SB 1471 legislation is questionable.

SB 1471 was also assigned to the Senate Family Services Committee, chaired by Sen. David Petersen, R-Mesa. As of press time, SB 1471 was not on the committee's calendar for this week.

Proponents of SB 1471 are lobbying the Senate leadership to get the bill pulled from the Family Services Committee, so it could proceed to the Senate Rules Committee, the next step for any legislation in the upper chamber. ...

Gays and Lesbians from across the state will be converging on Phoenix, to the State Legislature, Wednesday, February 16,

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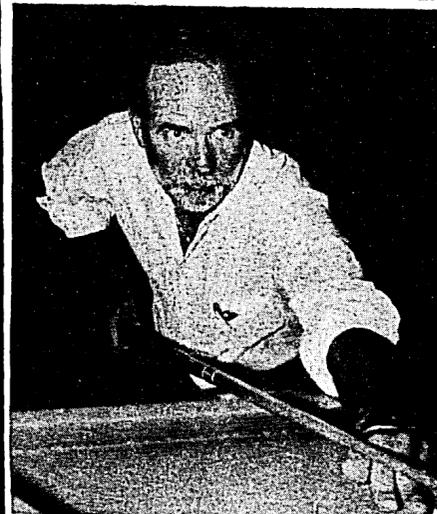
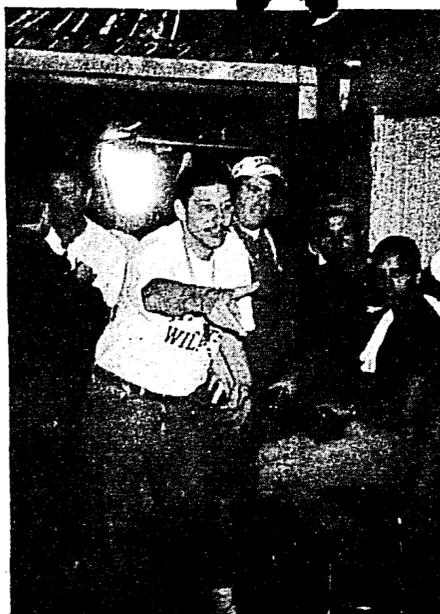
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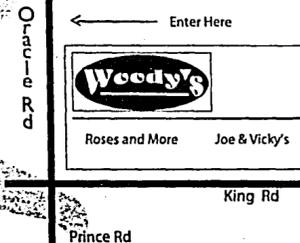
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SEPTEMBER 24 - OCTOBER 23
Lusty Gay Libras hit the Valentines Day jackpot when lucky Jupiter nestles in sexy Taurus. When is too much, too much? Stop asking so many questions, cousin! Over the span of the next year anything and everything may coax you out of the closet. No matter what gets your heart pumping, let this be the year that you can't even think straight.

ARIES
MARCH 21 - APRIL 20
Jupiter finally leaves your sign this week, marking a valentine's day accented by thoughts of money, money and more money. Jupiter is a planet of extremes; Pioneering, proud Rambos can save big but can more than likely squander on their lovers even bigger. Fill the tub with champagne on the 14th, but hire that financial advisor who puts you on a strict budget on the 15th.

TAURUS
APRIL 21 - MAY 21
Jupiter moves into your own sign and brings big things in all its forms. For pink Bulls who intend to make a huge public splash, jump right in! But don't expect to fit into last year's swimsuit. Jupiter expands everything from opportunities to waistlines. True valentines will assure you that you are beautiful in any size package, but you should be comfortable in your own clothes.

GEMINI
MAY 22 - JUNE 21
Queer Twins get a big valentine's Outing with Jupiter in Taurus. Anything hidden or repressed cannot be contained any longer and good thing too! This means that closeted Twins are pushed proudly out into the fresh air. Also, thanks to the luck of this planet, hidden enemies are exposed for the rats they are. Are thumbscrews out of the question? Hey, whatever turns you on.

CANCER
JUNE 22 - JULY 23
Madam Lichtenstein predicts that you'll be surrounded by many, many bosom buddies this Valentine's Day thanks to jovial Jupiter in Taurus. Pink Crabs will have to fight off the adoring crowds and be choosier with whom they associate. They can also gain entry into some of the most selective V.D. events. Nice change of pace, eh? Do you have a fan club? If not, launch one.

LEO
JULY 24 - AUGUST 23
Proud Lions rise to the corporate occasion when expansive Jupiter rests in Taurus for the next year. Any career moves you undertake now can pay off handsomely. Grab a shooting corporate star and hang on tight; A good mentor can take you to new heights. And who knows which valentines are lurking in the boardroom? Come out, come out whoever you are!

VIRGO
AUGUST 24 - SEPTEMBER 23
The world is your oyster when jolly Jupiter advances into lusty Taurus this year. Devour every drop Gay Virgin; Jupiter guarantees many exciting adventures with exotically delicious valentines. Take a vacation of a lifetime now. While you may overspend on a lavish jaunt, Jupiter promises an overabundance of good Gay times and memories to keep you warm in your old age.

SCORPIO
OCTOBER 24 - NOVEMBER 22
Even independent queer Scorps need support now and then. Jupiter in domesticated Taurus gives you what you need in the cuddle and cocoon department. If you're unattached, it can go from anonymous valentine to married before you know it. If you're in a relationship, this can be a year to grow especially close. But please don't call each other pet names in public. Yuck!

SAGITTARIUS
NOVEMBER 23 - DECEMBER 22
Jupiter in Taurus creates tremendous opportunities for Gay Archers at work which can mean a bunch of lucky breaks to make your job easier ... or a lot more work piles up. Valentine's magic works in mysterious ways, compadre; as you plow through your paperclips, you may want to attach to a coworker. Put in some overtime, just to be sure.

CAPRICORN
DECEMBER 23 - JANUARY 20
You'll be tempted to bet the farm when lucky Jupiter sweeps through luxury loving Taurus, but don't. Yes, Jupiter gives you greater gambling luck but the best use of this inspiring energy is in the creative arena. Queer Caps can create masterpieces out of scraps of garbage so follow your great Gay muse and paint, act, write or even plan a fabulous valentines soiree. You win!

AQUARIUS
JANUARY 21 - FEBRUARY 19
Jupiter in Taurus casts a happy pink light on family matters. The next year could hearken a time of greater reconciliation and understanding. Use this time to unravel the mysteries and misunderstandings. Who knows what can happen? Aquerians can also improve their home environment now. Take two valentines ... and don't call me in the morning.

PISCES
FEBRUARY 20 - MARCH 20
Rainbow Fish like to work behind the scenes and take care of business with quiet understatement. Now however, with boisterous Jupiter in Taurus, you cannot help but make a few tidal waves every time you open your mouth. Speak your valentine's heart, make a declaration. Things will come your way by just asking. Come to think of it, don't ask; just tell.

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Desert Vision by Louis F. Kavar, PhD

Thoughts On Aging Parents

I recently spoke with a friend of mine. I hadn't heard from him for a while and assumed that he was just working too long of hours and was spending lots of time with his charming new boyfriend. To my surprise, my friend had been distant because he was preoccupied. His mother was diagnosed with cancer.

My friend, as most of us, lives at a distance from his parents. While my friend is a very successful guy, the process that led to his mother's diagnosis and movement to treatment has left him feeling very powerless. While he's been an advocate by phone to help his mother secure the medical appointments she needed on a timely basis, he found that there was little more that he could do.

As we spoke, he said to me, "I never understood what it was like for you with your father's illness. Sometimes, you'd get really down and I didn't understand why. I do now."

My father, who is back east, has lived with Parkinson's disease for over 15 years. He's been bedridden because of the disease for about five years. It has been challenging to watch him slowly slip away.

One might say, "Well, you're not the one with the illness. Your parents need the help. You need to just get on with life." To be honest, some people have suggested that to me, especially when making one of my frequent trips back east. However, adult children of aging, infirmed, or ill parents face a maze of emotions.

While we have known that our parents would one day die, the experience of having the strong elder who raised you grow weak brings home a different sense of life. Not only does it remind us of life's shortness, but also it causes us to reflect on our fragility.

One another level, many adult children want to do whatever they can to assist their parents. But often, living at a distance, there is precious little to do. Before moving to Tucson, I gave long consideration to whether I should move geographically closer to my parents rather than father away. But after discussions with them, it was clear that there was little I could do by being closer. Instead, I am able to visit about every three months. Still, one wrestles periodically with guilt over wanting to do more.

The guilt over wanting to do more just reinforces the powerlessness of the situation. While we are often powerless over many aspects of life, we generally prefer to live with the illusion that we are in control of our lives. When that illusion is seriously challenged, of course we become anxious.

For those of us who have unfinished business with our parents, dealing with their aging or illness is even more confusing. Perhaps we are angry over things done in the past. Perhaps the things done in the past were horrific, like physical or sexual abuse. I've worked with several people whose grief over the death of a parent was seriously complicated because of childhood abuse. It's understandable that when a person remains hurt and angry from childhood abuse, they may want to see the abuser suffer in some way. When the abuser is a parent, for whom a child also has affection, the child, even an adult child, feels pulled apart.

The bottom line is that adult children of aging or infirmed parents are often left with little support while facing confusing and complex issues. I don't have a solution for life's complexities. However, I believe it's important to name and understand the issues, and have someone to talk to about them.

I was glad I was able to talk with my friend about his concerns with his mother. While we've been very good friends, something about the experience makes me feel closer to him. I was glad when the reports came back that the cancer had not spread. I sincerely hope that the surgery and chemotherapy will work effectively for her. While she experiences a roller coaster of emotions in this process, so do her family members. Yes, that roller coaster of emotions is very real. It's the way life is. Rather than deny the difficulty of life, we need to learn to accept that pain and confusion, and find hope in the midst of it.

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Stabbing

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who is afraid, but is "empowered."

Shannon Davis, Chair of the City of Tucson Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender (GLBT) Commission, said "this wasn't just an injury to one person, but an injury to the entire GLBT community."

Davis added that GLBT Commission, part of the Tucson City government, is making the case one of their top priorities.

In related developments:

On Sunday, Feb. 13, 2:00 to 4:00 P.M., subject to time change, a march and speak out will take place in front of the Rainbow Planet Colfechouse.

David Robinson, UA assistant English professor of Gay and Lesbian literature, said that a march will take place beforehand, and then people who have been victims of hate crimes, will be allowed to speak before an open mike, to talk about their experiences. A organizational meeting for the event, will take place, Wednesday, Feb. 9, 7:00 P.M. If you would like to help, you can call (520) 903-9779.

A public educational forum on hate crimes is being planned for 7:00 P.M. Wednesday, Feb. 16 at Wingspan, Tucson's Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender community center at 300 East Sixth Street.

The program for Wednesday, Feb. 16 will include a representative of the Tucson Police Department who will offer statistics on the frequency of hate crimes in Tucson and information on how they are prosecuted. In addition, the officer will provide advice and tips on what community members can do to help police if they witness a hate crime or are a victim of one.

Wingspan also is inviting a member of Tucson's Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender Commission to attend and offer background and information on what that group is doing to address the issue of hate crimes within the city.

The session also will offer community members an opportunity to ask questions or speak out about hate crimes.

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for the second annual Equality Begins at Home (EBAH).

This year's event is coordinated by the Arizona Human Rights Fund (AHRF), the state's Gay and Lesbian rights group. Last year, EBAH was a coordinated national political campaign, in all 50 states and Puerto Rico by the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF).

The goals of this year's event are the same as last year's, participants will:

Show the legislators that Gays and Lesbians are "regular folk who vote and pay taxes."

Lobby their elected officials to repeal the state's archaic "blue laws."

Urge lawmakers to defeat this year's proposal to restrict the extension of medical benefits to the domestic partners of government employees.

Petitions from AHRF will also be presented asking lawmakers to do the above mentioned.

After the day's events, a reception for participants and lawmakers will take place. For more information, call AHRF, (602) 650-0900. ...

On March 14, Phoenix citizens will go to the polls to vote in the municipal election. State Representative Steve May, R-Phoenix, would like to have individuals at the polling stations to gather signatures for his bid for a second term, especially since he is being challenged in the GOP primary by the radical right. For more information or to volunteer, call May's campaign, (602) 468-5761. ...

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Gutter Snipes	4.0	4.0	.500
Slim, Trim & Him	4.0	4.0	.500
Helen	3.0	5.0	.375
Pappy-n-the-Youngin's	3.0	5.0	.375
Tres Amigos	3.0	5.0	.375
Erratica 4	2.0	6.0	.250
That's Us!	1.0	7.0	.125
Five	1.0	7.0	.125
Gruntz*	0.5	3.5	.125

*Makeup match pending.

First Quarter Champions - 16 LB Balls.
Second Quarter Champions - The Breeders.

SEASON ACHIEVEMENTS

High Average - Keith D., 205; Heather H., 169; Mary Poppers, 534.

High Series Scratch - Heather H., 617; Ken M., 718; Mary Poppers, 1775.

High Game Scratch - Pappy-n-the-Youngin's, 648; Heather H., 258; Erick J., 300.

High Series Handicap - Heather H., 716; Pappy-n-the-Youngin's, 2030; Erick J., 748.

High Game Handicap - Pappy-n-the-Youngin's, 747; Heather H., 291; Erick J., 310.

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Case Of HIV Re-Infection Documented

SAN FRANCISCO, CA (WS) - The first case of an HIV-positive patient being reinfected with a second strain of HIV has been documented by doctors in Canada, according to research presented at the annual Conference on Retroviruses in San Francisco.

Experts believe this case proves what has long been suspected -- that HIV positive people can be reinfected even years after their initial exposure to the virus. And it raises concerns about difficulties in developing a vaccine against HIV.

According to doctors at Ottawa Hospital, the patient under study was reinfected after a sexual relationship with another HIV positive patient who was being treated at the hospital. They became suspicious when the patient stopped responding to anti-viral therapy and then informed them of the relationship.

"Initially we noticed that he was getting worse," said Ottawa Hospital's Dr. Jonathan Angel. "His immune system appeared to be getting weaker, and the amount of virus in his blood stream appeared to be getting higher without any explanation."

This superinfection has been seen in chimpanzees and anecdotally in some humans. Experts say the Ottawa data is still preliminary and reinfection may not cause everyone to deteriorate as rapidly as the patient in this case.

"Conceivably, this is the reason why the person had a progressively deteriorating course," said Dr. Anthony Fauci of the National Institutes of Health. "But since it's only one patient, we've got to be careful that we don't jump to any conclusions about the frequency of superinfection or double infection."

Doctors say this is a reminder of the importance of safe sex, even if both people in the relationship are HIV positive.

"The belief that reinfection is not possible or does not occur is a contributing factor to unprotected sex, particularly between individuals who are both HIV positive," said Ronald Johnson, associate executive director of the Gay Men's Health Crisis.

But what concerns experts most about the Ottawa data is its impact on vaccine development and effectiveness.

"Here's a person who had a relatively good immune response because they were not advanced in their disease," Fauci said. "They had a virus in them that was continually stimulating their immune system, and yet, they still got infected with another virus."

Fauci pointed out that a vaccine is never as potent as a replicating virus in protecting a person against infection from another virus. "If this replicating virus (HIV) can't do it (fight off another HIV virus) then a vaccine is going to have a tough time doing it," Fauci said.

Freedom To Marry

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lowing reasons for supporting same-sex marriage:

Marriage is a basic human right that is denied to same-sex couples in all states and the District of Columbia.

Legal and economic protections are denied to same-sex couples. Lambda cites a government report that says 1,049 federal rights, responsibilities and protections are not extended to same-sex couples.

These include hospital visitation rights, filing joint income tax returns, joint parenting and adoption and obtaining joint insurance and health coverage.

Domestic partnership benefits are not marriage. Lambda says that in certain cities and companies there is limited recognition or relationships between unmarried partners, including same-sex couples. And it says that no domestic partnership plan can provide the same responsibilities and protection as marriage.

Eligibility for financial aid and scholarships is often affected by marital status. on college campuses, special arrangements for student housing are offered to married students but not same-sex couples.

QueerVoice, a collaborative program of local agencies, including the Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation and Wingspan, focuses on health promotion and HIV prevention for GLBT youth in Tucson and Southern Arizona.

Studies show that youth who have positive role models, accurate information and high levels of self-esteem are at lower risk for sexually transmitted diseases, substance abuse, suicide attempts, dropping out of school and other risky behaviors. For this reason, QueerVoice looks to assist in creating an environment for youth to prosper. It also seeks to facilitate a process to reduce and eliminate homophobia in our community and society.

For information about the local observance, contact Mike Pollack, coordinator, (520) 628-7223.



Fiction Competition

Announced

CATHEDRAL CITY, CA - The Board of Directors is pleased to announce a Competition for Novelists for the Foundation's 2000 Writing Awards.

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		DEC. 98	JUNE 99	DEC. 99		DEC. 98	JUNE 99	DEC. 99	
APACHE	66,299	9	10	15	11	6	6	5	1
COCHISE	105,871	70	71	76	41	53	55	59	4
COCONINO	108,381	55	60	64	36	37	41	43	3
GILA	42,845	13	16	18	8	6	8	7	1
GRAHAM	29,094	11	13	16	7	5	6	7	0
GREENLEE	8,817	4	3	3	2	1	1	1	0
LA PAZ	15,522	11	12	12	6	7	7	7	0
MARICOPA	2,399,600	4173	4496	4836	2838	3023	3210	3322	225
MOHAVE	116,523	88	109	111	50	55	60	61	8
NAVAJO	84,150	20	21	24	16	8	9	12	2
PIMA	751,311	1305	1360	1427	848	926	940	978	70
PINAL	128,820	87	92	101	58	50	59	67	7
SANTA CRUZ	33,340	17	20	20	9	2	4	6	0
YAVAPAI	123,894	65	69	78	42	54	55	59	5
YUMA	120,827	69	72	84	42	61	58	58	7
UNKNOWN		4	5	3	2	101	103	6	1
TOTALS	4,134,894	6014	6429	6890	4016	4401	4622	4698**	333

** NOTE: ON MARCH 15, 1999, THE OPTION TO RECEIVE HIV TESTING ANONYMOUSLY BECAME AVAILABLE. AN ADDITIONAL 3734 ANONYMOUS HIV POSITIVE TESTS WERE REPORTED. THIS REPORT IS NOW ISSUED TWICE A YEAR BY ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES.

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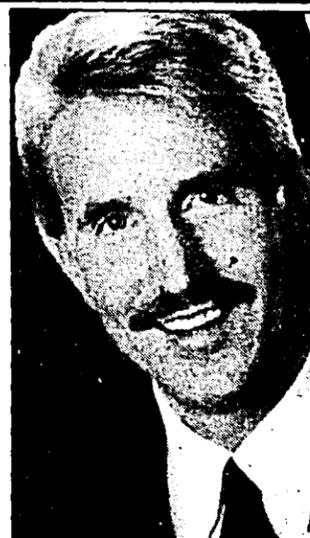
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Non-Bar Calendar

Groups | Clubs | Organizations

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 10

TUCSON - Gay Men's Health Project is sponsoring a forum for the next six weeks: "Finding True Love In A Man Eat Man World" to be held at the Coffee Xchange on the NW corner of Grant and Campbell in a private meeting room. The first session will take place Thursday, February 10th from 6:00 to 8:00 pm. Just bring your two cents worth because GMHP is picking up the tab. The forum is based on a book by the same name. Find answers to subjects such as how to jump into the dating pool and not belly flop; How to build healthy relationships from the ground up; and how about the rewards of ending a date with a 'good night' and not a 'good morning'. Watch for future forum dates. For more info call SAAF at 628-7223 ext. 232.

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Join Bill for Dinner Out as we go to the Blue Willow for some good, tasty food. Please phone in your reservation to Bill as soon as possible so we can notify the restaurant of the number of men attending. For directions and reservations, please contact Bill at 546-7539.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 11

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 8:00 p.m. MSN travels to Bisbee as they host a Gay pride week, and have a theatrical presentation of "La Cage Aux Folles". At press time, it appeared all tickets were sold out, but if you'd like to have a chance to go, please call Randy at 520/378-3195. If a ticket becomes available, he'll let you know.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 12

Reveille Gay Men's Chorus will present a concert "Reveille - From The Heart" in Bisbee, Arizona, at Lowell Middle School Auditorium, 100 Old Douglas Road at 7:00 p.m.

Queer Voice is sponsoring 'National Freedom To Marry Day' today at 2:00 p.m. at the Main Library, 101 N. Stone Ave. (Downstairs). There will be talks from politicians and activists, a performance by Desert Voices Chorus, a commitment ceremony and reception. Queer Voice is a collaborative program of local agencies including SAAF and Wingspan.

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Join Bill as he hosts Pinochle Night. If you're a fan of the game, this is the place to go. If you don't know how to play, but want to learn, we'll help you out. For reservations and directions, please call Bill at 297-3569.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 13

1. Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:30 a.m. There's a birding expedition to Madera Canyon today. For details, directions, and reservations, please call Gene at 625-8109.

2. Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 4:30-6:30 p.m. The Triangle Tribe, an awareness group, meets to learn and use communication and relationship skills toward developing feelings of trust, love, acceptance and brotherhood. For reservations and directions, please call Tom at 318-1650.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 14

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Bridge night. Bridge for men who want to refresh their bridge skills (or just have fun); table talk playing. For reservations and directions, please call Perry at 321-4387.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 16

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Join Jerry & Les for the MSN Premiere of "Man of the Year". This gentle mockumentary is about a Playgirl man of the year who happens to be Gay (what a shock!). For directions and reservations, please call Les or Jerry at 690-9565.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 17

POZ Cafe Monthly Luncheon - providing a delicious free dinner, along with friendship, games and social activities. Open to all HIV+ adults and one guest (partner, family, friend or volunteer respecting confidentiality/privacy concerns). Doors open at 11:30 - lunch is served at noon - and games, crafts and social time until 2:30 p.m. Located at St. Francis in the Foothills United Methodist Church, a Gay friendly church at the corner of River and Swan. Reservations requested. To reserve your space or request transportation, call the TIHAN office at 299-6647 by Monday, February 14.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 18

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Join us for our monthly Pizza Party held at Jerry & Les' home. Simply bring \$4.00 and join in for a fun evening of food and good conversation. Salad and dessert are also served. Vegetarian pizza offered as well. For reservations and directions, please call Jerry or Les at 690-9565. Please note: reservations should be made by Thursday, February 18 at noon so we can order the proper number of pizzas (but we do order a couple of extra pizzas just in case this isn't read until the day of the event).

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 19

TIHAN the Tucson Interfaith HIV/AIDS Network, will hold its 3rd annual Treasures for TIHAN Auction at St. Phillip's in the Hills Episcopal Church located at River and Campbell. The auction will feature original works by local artists, treasures donated by friends of TIHAN, gift certificates and much more. Items to be auctioned will be on display beginning at 5:30 p.m. and hors d'oeuvres will be served. The bidding begins at 7:00 p.m. Come join the fun, pick up some bargains and help raise funds for an organization that makes a difference in the lives of many people. For more info call TIHAN at 299-6647.

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Join Robert and Bob as they host a Singles Party. Here's an opportunity to meet new men in a safe, fun atmosphere. For reservations and directions call Robert at 408-7114, or Bob at 888-2725.

Bar Calendar

Of Upcoming Events

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 9

IBTS - The Girls Show begins at 9:00 p.m. hosted by Lucinda Holiday with Aja Simone and Tiffany St. Thomas with special guests.

FRI. SAT. SUN. FEBRUARY 11-12-13

Mr. Padlock Contest in Phoenix, 998 E. Indian School. Deadline for entry is January 30. Winning contestant receives hotel and air fare to Chicago for the International Mr. Leather contest May 25-29. Call the Padlock, 1-602-266-5640 for entry details.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 11

STONEWALL - Valentine's Day Celebration begins here for a weekend-long celebration beginning at noon. All well drinks and draft \$1.00

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 12

STONEWALL - Valentine's Day Celebration continues. All well drinks and draft beer \$1.00 from noon until 1:00 a.m.

VALENTINA'S - A Post Wedding Reception and Benefit show for the "Children's Domestic Violence" program, hosted by Crystal Abrams.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 13

IBTS - Benefit Bar-B-Que and Beer Bust today is for PFLAG from 5:30 to 8:00 p.m. with Karaoke with Billy Dee from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m.. Then at 9:00 p.m. a special fundraiser for Bunny FuFu, a contestant for Miss Gay Tucson 2001. Show features Adrian Alexander, Veronica Lake, Stella Virgin, Deora Le Blanc and Mr. Kenneth Blake.

STONEWALL - Free Valentine's Buffet served at 4:00 p.m. Special Valentine drink prices of \$1.00 on all well drinks and draft beer from noon until closing.

VALENTINA'S - 9:00 p.m., a special Valentine's Day show hosted by Veronica Lake.

WOODY'S - Afternoon volleyball on the patio from noon until 7:00. Bring your team or be a pick-up player. Join in the outdoor fun!

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 14

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - Let the Biz call you sweetheart today with Champagne specials, Slow Jams all night plus DJ and No Cover.

IBTS - A big Valentine's Party is planned here. Door gifts (while they last) and 2 for one drink specials. Party with your friends, lovers, and/or ex-lovers.

STONEWALL - Spend Valentine's Day here cause there'll be prizes, fun and romance at the New Stonewall. Special Valentine drink prices of \$1.00 on all well drinks and draft beer from noon until close.

VENTURE-N - Tucson Knight Owls and Empire Levi/Leathermen will present "The Dating Game" here beginning at 9:00 p.m. Also win a pair of tickets to the Elton John Concert on Feb. 18. \$5.00 raffle tickets are now on sale.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 16

IBTS - 9:00 P.M. Miss Gay Tucson Pre-Pageant Show featuring Lucinda Holiday, Tori Steele, Barbara Seville, Veronica Lake, Bunny FuFu, Faith Michaels and Deora Le Blanc.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 24

IBTS - Gay Men's Health Project will host "Male Box Nite" here. Watch for details.



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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 20

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 4:30-6:30 p.m. The Triangle Tribe, an awareness group, meets to learn and use communication and relationship skills toward developing feelings of trust, love, acceptance and brotherhood. For reservations and directions, please call Tom at 318-1650.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 22

1. Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. A night is devoted to getting out the MSN newsletters. It's a fun way to help the organization and get to know the MSN guys. Dessert and door prizes are provided. For reservations and directions, please call Jerry at 690-9565.

2. Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 8:00 p.m. Join us for the MSN Premiere of "Trick", a charming 1999 movie about 2 guys trying to find a place to consummate their relationship. For reservations & directions, please call Les or Jerry at 690-9565.

THURSDAY - SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 24-27

4 Day Youth Retreat sponsored by Queer Voice. The retreat is for queer youth 23 and under. It's free. All you need to bring is sleeping gear, clothes and toiletries. Topics include Coming Out; Homophobia; Dating and Communication; Sex and Sexuality; Drugs and Alcohol; Activism and Leadership. To sign up or for more information call Mike or Robyn at 628-7223 or 410-4512. Queer Voice is a program of SAAF, Pima County Health Department and Wingspan.

Daily Bar Calendar

Sunday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - Beer Bust 5-10, \$1.25 pitchers. Latin Music with DJ Hil 9-1. Shot specials all night.

IBTS - Open 11am-1am. Happy Hour 11-4pm, \$2.00 domestic beer and well. \$1.75 well & domestic beer 4-9pm. Benefit B-B-Q and Beer Bust for community organizations 4:30-7pm. Karaoke with Billy Dee on the patio 4:30-7:30. Hi energy dancing 9pm to close. All drink specials not available during special events.

STONEWALL - Bar open Noon. Scrimall Sundays /make your own Bloody Marys bar. Flashback Sundays in the Dance Club. Open 8pm. Well drinks \$1 from 8-9pm. Music of the 70s and 80s with DJ Rob. Billy Dee Karaoke in the bar 9pm to close.

VALENTINA'S - Open 11am. Happy Hour 11am to 7pm. Bloody Mary & Boiler maker specials. BBQ (\$2.50 & \$5.00) from 4-9pm. All request DJ 9pm to close.

VENTURE-N - Open 10am. Patio open 3pm. Patio Beer Bust 3-7pm 75¢ draft. 301 Dart Tournament 5pm \$3 entry fee (pot matched). Boss Burgers 5-7pm Hides Leather Goods opens at 4pm.

WOODY'S - Open Noon. Happy Hour 3-7pm. Volleyball Court is Open. Check in with bartender.

Monday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - Happy Hour Two-For-One 2-7. Free pool 2-4. \$1.50 Wells 8-midnight.

IBTS - Open 10am. Martini Monday all day all call martinis \$2.50. Happy Hour 10am-4pm, \$2.00 domestic beer and well. \$1.75 well and domestic beer 4-9pm. 9pm to closing, \$1.50 / 32oz pitchers. Karaoke Billy Dee 7:00-9:30pm Retro 80's dance 9:30pm to closing. All drink specials not available during special events.

STONEWALL - Bar opens noon. Dance Club opens 8pm. All well drinks \$1.00 in dance club 8-9pm. Hot dance mix with DJ Rob.

VALENTINA'S - Open 11am. Happy Hour til 7: BBQ (\$1.50) 4-9pm. Big screen sporting events. All request DJ 9pm to closing.

VENTURE-N - Open 6am. Dart Tourney 8pm, pot matched. Patio opens 5pm

WOODY'S - Open Noon. Happy Hour 3-7pm. Karaoke w/Billy Dee 9pm to close

Volleyball Court is Open. See bartender.

Tuesday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Happy Hour Two-For-One 2-7pm. Pool tourney 7:30pm. \$3 entry, pot matched. \$1 lng necks for pool players. Funky disco w/DJ Stanskee & DJ Butta Fly 9-1.

IBTS - Open 10am. Happy Hour 10am-4pm, \$2.00 domestic beer & well. \$1.75 well & domestic beer 4-9pm. 9 pm to close \$1.75 well. Wear an IBT's T-shirt get happy hour prices 9 to close, or buy an IBT's T-shirt for \$5 and get a complimentary drink. House Hi-Nergy Dance 9pm to closing.

STONEWALL - Open Noon. Happy Hour prices until 7pm. Dance Club opens 8pm. DJ Eduardo. \$1.00 well drinks in Dance Club til 9pm.

VALENTINA'S - Open 11am. Extended Happy Hour til 9pm: BBQ (\$1.50) 4-7pm Oh So Scary-oake (Karaoke) 9pm - 12:45am.

VENTURE-N - Open 6am. Patio open 5pm. 1st Tuesday TKO Spaghetti Feed

WOODY'S - Open Noon. Happy Hour 3-7pm. Trivia Party 8pm-close. Top score on NTN per game wins special prizes. Sky's the limit \$2.25

Wednesday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Happy Hour Two-For-One 2-7pm. Free Pool 2-4. \$1.50 Longnecks 8-midnight. Dance with DJ Stephanie 9-close.

IBTS - Open 10am to 1am. Happy Hour 10am to 4pm, \$2.00 domestic beer & well. \$1.75 well & domestic beer 4-9pm. \$1.75 Bud Products 9pm to close. All drink specials not available during special events.

STONEWALL - Open Noon. Happy Hour prices til 7. Dance Club opens 8pm. DJ Rob and his hot mix. All well drinks in Dance Club \$1.00 til 9pm. Karaoke with Billy Dee 9pm til close in the bar.

VALENTINA'S - Open 11am, Happy Hour til 9pm. Pool tourney 7:30pm (pot matched) Lounge Lizards Paradise: 50¢ shot sampler/bartenders choice. All request DJ 9pm

VENTURE-N - Open 6am. Cuervo Gold \$2 and Cuervo 1800 \$2.25 Open to close. Patio opens at 5pm.

WOODY'S - Open Noon. Happy Hour 3-7pm. Volleyball on demand 7 days a week. See bartender.

Thursday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Happy Hour 2-7pm. 2for1 Free pool 2-4. Karaoke with Melissa 9pm to close. W/creamy cowgirls & \$2.50 Tequila Rose.

IBTS - Open 10am to 1am. Happy Hour 10am-4pm \$2.00 domestic beer and well. \$1.75 Well & domestic 4-9. Underwear Nite. \$1.50 well and \$1.75 domestic beer to those in their underwear (pant check available). Hi energy dancing 9-close. All drink specials not available during special events.

STONEWALL - Open Noon. Happy Hour prices until 7pm. Dance club opens at 8pm with \$1 well drinks from 8-9. Dance with DJ Eduardo.

VALENTINA'S - Open 11am. Happy Hour til 7: \$1.50 Well or Domestic 9-11pm. Karaoke 9pm-12:45am.

VENTURE-N - Open 6am. Patio open 5pm. Day prices for men in leather 7pm to close. Pool Tournament 7pm-ish. \$3 entry. Hides Leather shop opens at 8pm

WOODY'S - Open Noon. Happy Hour 3-7pm. Trivia Thursday 8pm-close. Top score on NTN per game wins special prizes. Volleyball Court is Open. See bartender.

Friday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Happy Hour Two-For-One 2-7. Free pool 2-4. Free food at 5:30pm. Dance music 9-1 w/ DJ Hil. Drink specials every 1/2 hour.

IBTS - Open 10am. Happy Hour 10am-4pm \$2.00 domestic beer and well. \$1.75 well & domestic beer 4-9. Live Jazz on the patio with the Susan & Tracey 5:30-8:30pm. *Patio Bar 9-1. Dance Party 9 to 1. All drink specials not available during special events.

STONEWALL - Open Noon. Dance Club open 8pm with \$1 well drinks til 9pm. Dance with DJ Marquis.

VALENTINA'S - Open 11am. Happy Hour til 7. Girlz will be Boyz drink specials posted above the bar. All request DJ 9pm to close.

VENTURE-N - Open 6am. Snacks served at 5pm. Patio open 5pm. Hides Leather Store opens 8pm.

WOODY'S - Open Noon. Happy Hour 3-7pm Martini Party - Well Martini's \$2. Call Martinis \$3 from 4pm to close. Vol byball Court is Open. See bartender.

Saturday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Open at 2pm. Drink specials all day. Pool Tournament 5:30pm \$3 entry. Pot matched. Dance music w/DJ Hil 9-close. Drink specials every half hour.

IBTS - Open 10am to 1am. Happy Hour 10am-4pm \$2.00 domestic beer and well. \$1.75 well & domestic beer 4-9pm. Patio bar 9-1. Dance 9-1. All drink specials not available during special events.

STONEWALL - Open Noon. Dance Club opens at 8pm with \$1 well drinks til 9pm. Dance with DJ Marquis.

VALENTINA'S - Open 11am. Happy Hour til 7. A variety of shows hosted by 'Crystal Abrams'. 9pm. All donations go to charity. All request DJ 10pm to close.

VENTURE-N - Open 6am. Patio Bar open at 3pm. Patio Beer Bust with 50¢ drafts. \$1.50 pitchers. Hides Leather Store opens at 8pm. Cricket Dart Tournament 9pm

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

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

GRACE GROUP - CATHOLIC GAY/LESBIAN SUPPORT GROUP meets every 2nd Monday at 7:30 p.m. in the Madonna Hall at Santa Peter and Paul Catholic Church, 1436 N. Campbell across from University Hospital. For more info. Call Eddie Betrano 688-4595.

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 Brenda at 884-9920, Ed.448 or Emmett 322-8057 (eveitan@ix.netcom.com)

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

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

THEATER / DINNER / ETC! Non-Smoking Lesbian Network meets every 3rd Saturday night of each month. If you'd like to meet women 35+ (flexible) and socialize in a smoke-free environment 888-8010 before 10:00 p.m. The group dines out and attends shows or movies. Now in their 16th year! (2nd in Tucson).

SOUTHERN ARIZONA GENDER ALLIANCE (SAGA). Meetings on the 1st Monday, 7pm. Desert Girlz (MTF) Meets 2nd Monday at 7pm. Desert Boyz meets 3rd Tuesday at 7pm. of every month. All meetings take place at Wingspan, 300 E. 6th St. Call 624-1779 for more info. SAGAEmail@aol.com http://members.aol.com/sagaeail

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.

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

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

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

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

WOMEN'S OUT OF THE CLOSET GROUP. Welcome to women in all stages of the coming-out process. We are here to support the Lesbians, Bisexuals and straight women of all races, religions and ages. Meeting times are the 2nd and 4th Sunday of every month, 1:30 - 3:30pm at Wingspan at 300 E. 6th St. 624-1779. Call Wendy Bailey at 235-1893 after 5pm for more information.

LUTHERANS CONCERNED - FORMING CHAPTER FOR GAY/LESBIAN LUTHERANS. Write LC, 7014 E. Golf Links Road, PMB 212, Tucson, AZ 85730

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

REVELLE GAY MEN'S CHORUS rehearses Tuesdays 7-10pm at MCC Church, 3269 N. Mountain. Have any history/experience singing? Join us!! Call 881-1369 to audition. 617-3100 for more info.

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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.saaaf.org. VOLUNTEERS WELCOME.

FRONT RUNNERS OF TUCSON meet every Sunday morning and some weeknights for fun runs. For more information call Mitch at 326-3555 or e-mail mandmtuz@worldnet.att.net

P.F.L.A.G. - Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays - is a support group available to anyone who has a son, daughter or friend who is Gay. Call 575-8600 or write P.O. Box 36264, Tucson, AZ 85740-8264. All replies confidential.

ARE YOU GAY OR LESBIAN and someone else's drinking is getting to you. Call information and Referral about Al-Anon 881-1794 in Tucson info about special groups for Gays and Lesbians.

YOUNG AND GAY? GLBT Youth 23 and under, meet every Saturday in Tucson for sharing, support and information. Meetings are held at 300 E. 6th Street from 3 to 4:30 pm. You are not alone. For more info call Wingspan, 624-1779.

The **TUCSON Chapter of PRIME TIMERS INTERNATIONAL** invites Gay or Bisexual men and their admirers to join and share Prime Timers fellowship. We welcome mature men (and admirers) who wish to become involved with planned and future Prime Timers activities. Meetings luncheons and dinners are held monthly. For dates, times and information call 584-0280, leave name and phone number.

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

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 745-8977 in Tucson for more information. Strictly confidential.

WINGSPAN - Tucson's Gay, Lesbian & Bisexual Community Center, 300 E. 6th St., offers support groups / info line / social events / library / meeting space. Volunteer Opportunities. Board meetings every 2nd Thursday (open to all), 8:00 p.m. Information 624-1779.

SUPPORT GROUP: Gays, Lesbians and Bisexuals meet weekly for open discussions in a loving, supportive atmosphere. Meetings Thursdays from 7:30 to 9:30 pm at St. Francis in the Foothills Church, Swan and River Road. Room 43. Call the church at Davey at 888-1208 or Brian at 882-4726 for information.

LESBIAN SOCIAL DISCUSSION GROUP. Meetings 2nd & 4th Wednesday, 7 to 8:30 pm. Wingspan, 300 E. 6th St. Come Chat!

CAMELBACK BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION (CBPA) OF PHOENIX. For information and membership write: CBPA at P.O. Box 2097, Phoenix, AZ 85001.

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.

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

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

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BEARS OF THE OLD PUEBLO - a social club for bears and bigger, more robust men (and of course, those who prefer their company). For more info, Call the Bears Hotline (520)327-1620 or write P.O. Box 43910, Tucson, AZ 85733-3910, or come to our general meetings the second Friday of every month. Location listed on our hotline.

SOFTBALL - For info on the Tucson Greater Softball Association T.G.S.A., please contact. Mary 770-9979 or Bertie 318-3415.

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 299-8847.

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

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

LESBIAN AND GAY AL-ANON - Affected by someone's drinking? Meeting every Tuesday 8:45 to 9:45 p.m. at Lambda Center, 2940 E. Thomas, Phoenix. Ellie 561-8850 or Ronn 968-2384.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE GROUP - Outreach to Gay and Lesbian people in Arizona. Meets monthly. Write to P.O. Box 683, Phoenix, AZ 85001 or call Eddy Walters, (602)371-1102

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

T-SQUARES Lesbian and Gay square dance club meets every Tuesday from 6:30-9:00 p.m. at Cornerstone Fellowship Social Hall, 2902 N. Geronimo (near 1st Ave. and Laguna). Open to All. Call Liz at 325-9466 or Ray at 749-5247.

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

GAY & LESBIAN SPIRITUALITY GROUP of St. Phillips in the Hills Episcopal Church meets first and third Mondays. Call David, 323-7943 for more information.

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

DESERT VOICES, Tucson's Gay & Lesbian Chorus rehearses Monday evenings from 8:30 to 9:30pm at Armory Park Senior Center, 220 S. 6th Ave. Call 791-9682.

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., MCC Church, 3269 N. Mountain. All alcoholics welcome.

MEN'S SOCIAL NETWORK: Social organization for men of all ages. Building an extended Gay family in Tucson. Monthly social potluck gatherings the first Saturday of each month and almost weekly social activities. Call Jerry at 690-9565 for information and a newsletter. Check the Non-Bar Calendar in the Observer.

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.

BISEXUAL INFORMATION/SUPPORT GROUP for women and men. Meetings 1st & 3rd Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. at Wingspan, 300 E. 6th St. 624-1779.

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

COMMUNITY BUSINESS ASSOCIATION (CBA), Tucson's Gay and Lesbian business networking group holds regular meetings the third Thursday of every month. Call Greg Holiman 529-7542 for more info.

TUCSON LESBIAN/GAY ALLIANCE (TLGA) meets on the second Tuesday at Wingspan, 300 E. 6th Street at 7pm. For more information call 622-3200.

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