

## Arizona Lawmakers' Gay Chaplain Adamant

PHOENIX (NP) - He no longer has the blessing of the group that funds his position and there's no law against firing Gays, but Arizona's minister to the legislature is determined to fight.

Reverend Charles Coppinger, who publicly identified himself as a Gay man on National Coming Out Day, has two goals which may be in conflict: he wants to remain chaplain to the state legislature, and he wants the legislature to continue the position of chaplain. He's already at loggerheads with the organization he set up to maintain a chaplaincy, while a growing number of state lawmakers are calling for him to step down from his post. The Speaker of the House and the President of the Senate, who appointed him and have the authority to remove him, appear in no hurry to act.

Before Coppinger was named chaplain to the House four years ago, that body had not had a chaplain in 27 years; before he was named chaplain to the Senate three years ago, that body had not had a chaplain in 43 years. One elderly former legislator told the Arizona Republic the position had been dropped in the 1950s to save money. Coppinger set up a non-profit organization, Foundations for Success, to collect contributions from churches to ensure that no public funds supported the chaplaincy, thereby avoiding conflict with the constitutional guarantee of separation of church and state. From the Foundation, where he served as president, he drew a \$30,000 per year salary, a housing allowance and a budget for part-time staff and other costs. In addition to offering prayers on the floor of the legislature, Coppinger runs a weekly prayer luncheon, Bible study classes for legislative staff and for lawmakers, visits ailing staffers, and provides citizens with information about lawmakers and requests to pray for them.

The Foundations for Success board asked Coppinger to resign on October 14, and according to an Associated Press report he agreed to leave his position there.

But Coppinger is determined not to resign as chaplain, and he has threatened a discrimination lawsuit if he is removed. However, neither Arizona nor federal law prohibits employment discrimination based on sexual orientation.

Since he came out, at least four lawmakers have called publicly for Coppinger to step down, some expressing a sense of betrayal, some feeling that by the act of coming out Coppinger has politicized his non-political office. But other legislators and citizens are once again questioning the need for a chaplain in the State House, saying most who work there prefer to consult with their own spiritual advisers.

Coppinger wrote a moving first-person statement published in the Republic October 15 in which he declares his belief that God loves him -- and others who have felt God hated them -- fully. He particularly credits the clergy group No Longer Silent with helping him to develop "an alternative religious perspective on homosexuality" to counter more conservative, condemnatory views. He was careful in his statement to remain "nonpolitical, nonpartisan and nonsectarian" as his position requires, sharing only his personal story and his understanding.

The Arizona Daily Star ran an editorial on the situation, entitled, "Caught in a Trap." What follows is the whole editorial:

"The problem with setting political and moral traps is that, sometimes, the trappers get caught. Such is the case with conservative lawmakers at the state capitol who are struggling with whether to keep the GOP-appointed chaplain who announced last week that he is Gay.

The Rev. Charles Coppinger, who has served as chaplain of the Legislature for four sessions, told legislators in a letter that "God has created me as a Gay man."

If news stories in the Star and The Arizona Republic are any indication, there is wide disagreement among conservatives as to what to do with Coppinger.

Opinions run the gamut from getting rid of him to letting him stay. Others prefer to let matters settle before making decisions.

All the comments from both Republicans and Democrats paint Coppinger as a man of integrity and faith. In fact, the comments reveal a man greatly admired by some legislators.

But some of those legislators closest to him now question his role as a spiritual leader.

"My love for the chaplain has not changed, but it would be difficult for me to support him as chaplain," said Sen. David Peterson. Peterson worked with Coppinger to set up weekly prayer luncheons. Peterson further told the Star that whether Coppinger is a "practicing homosexual" is an important matter.

Still others are something less than understanding. Republican Rep. Karen Johnson of Mesa is unequivocally anti-homosexual. She says Coppinger "will always be a friend, but I cannot support him in his chaplaincy with this problem. He should step down until he gets his life

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## OUToberFEST 2000 Draws Over 8,000 Participants

By Mark R. Kerr

TUCSON (ON) - An estimated crowd of 8,200 Gays, Lesbians, Bisexuals, Transgendered (GLBT) and open-minded heterosexuals attended the 2000 OUToberFEST at the DeMeester Performance Center in Reid Park, marking the end to a week of activities commemorating National Coming Out and GLBT Pride in Pima County and across the globe.

This year's event was the twenty-fourth Gay and Lesbian celebration (including the 17 June Pride Picnics) to take place in Tucson.

Those in attendance took in a full day of music, entertainment, a playground for the kids, food, libations, soft drinks, vendors touting all types of merchandise, plus GLBT informational booths. Chad Froeschke, President of the Tucson Lesbian/Gay Alliance, which coordinated the event, said there were more than 90 booths for Tucson's Pride event.

OUToberFEST 2000 was held at a new venue, the DeMeester Performance Center in Reid Park. "It's a brand new baby, a new venture" Froeschke said. He added that the event will be held at DeMeester for the next three years.

The City of Tucson's proclamation, marking the day was read for the thirteenth year in a row. Then Tucson Mayor, Democrat Tom Volgy, issued the first proclamation in 1988.

In addition to the reading of the proclamation, an all star line-up of performers: Mark Weigle, Cat Trap, Desert Voices, Reveille Men's Chorus, Rare Breed, Erin Hamilton, LeAnne Savage,

comedienne Sabrina Matthews, Dance Inc., Robin S., entertained the crowd on the DeMeester Performance Center Main Stage.

This year's Run for Royalty was concluded at OUToberFEST. Mr. Rodney Shanks and Miss Ajia Simone were crowned the King and Queen of Gay and Lesbian Pride.

OUToberFEST 2000 marked the end of National Coming Out in Tucson and Pima County. Other events were held during the week in Tucson as well.

On the campus of the University of Arizona, Pride Alliance, the Gay and Lesbian student group, held events on the campus to mark National Coming Out, including the crowning Mr. and Ms. Gay U of A. The second annual campus pageant, included three women in the running for Ms. Gay U of A. Two students - a Gay man and a Lesbian - contended for the Mr. Gay U of A title.

National Coming Out Day is usually marked during the second week in October, is and opportunity to "take the next step" in making Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual or Transgender identity known. The original date was originally chosen as the anniversary of the second National March on Washington, DC for Lesbian and Gay Rights on October 11, 1987, although all of October is Gay and Lesbian History Month and the first National March was held October 14, 1979. Almost everyone who comes out expresses relief at being able to live in honesty, but there are political as well as personal benefits: polls have long confirmed the notion that people who say they know someone who's Lesbian or Gay are more likely to support their equal treatment.

## Tucson's 6<sup>th</sup> Annual L/G Film Festival Oct. 25 - 29

TUCSON - The LGBT community will again come together for the sixth time to celebrate ourselves in film, looking back to where we have been and at the same time, focus on where our community is going.

Tucson's Sixth Annual L/G Film Festival, "Standing on The Shoulders of Giants," will take place October 25-29. On opening night, October 25, join the many who will be at the Rialto Theatre for "A Laugh At Ourselves. The Festival Committee have brought together a riotous collection of shorts sure to produce a giggle in even the most serious movie buff.

Several new features have been added for this year's festival. A little touch

of Halloween for the opening night festivities with a masquerade party. Come dressed as your favorite Gay person from history. The opening evening features a collection of 12 comedies for men and women.

Included are the highly acclaimed, "Rick & Steve, The Happiest Gay Couple in all the World," which paints a comical portrait of men and women in our community. "Life's A Butch," features the world of a femme loving femme. "Red Ribbons," paints a satirical look at big city AIDS service organizations and "Jake Today I Become A Man," focuses on what has got to be one of the youngest and most fabulous drag queens in history. Also included in the

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# UPDATE

## Meet The Candidates Night, October 19

TUCSON - Members of Tucson's GLBT community will be able to question contenders for state legislative seats at a special, Meet the Candidates Night, Thursday, October 19, 7:00 p.m. at Wingspan, 300 East Sixth Street.

To help Tucson's GLBT residents make choices on how to vote. Wingspan invited 35 candidates for six state Senate and six state House seats to the panel discussion. The program will feature short presentations from each candidate followed by questions from audience members. The event is intended to be interactive so all audience members will be given a chance to make their voices heard about issues of concern that may arise in Phoenix during the 2001 legislative session.

"Though Wingspan does not endorse any political candidates or causes, we believe it is important to act as a non partisan organizer of events such as this," said Stephen Hall, president of the Wingspan Board of Directors. "We want to give all residents a chance to directly ask candidates their views on issues of importance to our community.

In addition, event organizers will offer audience members information on their legislative districts so they can speak directly to the candidates hoping to represent them.

A free reception with refreshments will follow. For more information, call (520) 624-1779.

## AHRF Grant Challenge Met

PHOENIX - On the evening of Saturday, June 17, Rick Underwood and Bill Lewis issued a challenge at the Annual AHRF Awards Dinner, offering to write a check in the amount of \$100,000 if the Arizona GLBT community and our friends would meet that amount. Bill & Rick set October 11, National Coming Out Day, as the deadline for achieving that match. Their challenge grant was made in an effort to "kick start" the AHRF Leadership Campaign.

That campaign was initiated to set the stage for moving AHRF to a professional level by positioning the organization so it could hire a full time, experienced, and qualified Executive Director. With that level of professional leadership, AHRF could then become much more effective in leading the way toward a more tolerant and just Arizona for Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgender citizens.

The Arizona Human Rights Fund announced on October 11, that its members and friends have met and exceeded that challenge. With last minute checks and pledges received, the community has con-

tributed \$154,700 toward the match, insuring the \$100,000 grant from Bill & Rick. This amount comes from 354 individuals and groups.

Bill MacDonald, Founding Chairman of the Board and current Co-Chair of the organization, said, "AHRF is ecstatic by the response of the community to the challenge. We will be forever grateful to the incredible generosity of Bill & Rick that was the impetus for moving AHRF from its current status as a respected but fully volunteer group to its future as a more effective and efficient professional organization serving the interests of GLBT Arizonans. Without this magnanimous gesture by our good friends, and without the generous response of all 333 contributors, AHRF would not be able to make our most dramatic advance."

MacDonald's Co-Chair, Phoenix attorney Kathie Gummere, said, "The response to this challenge grant has been at once exhilarating and humbling. We are thrilled to see so very many members and supporters of AHRF's goals step up to the plate and do their personal part. We are humbled by the expression of confidence in the work that AHRF has been doing and the work that lies ahead."

Part of that work is the national search that has begun under the leadership of AHRF Board member and respected Phoenix attorney, Bill Sheppard. Sheppard is chair of the executive director search committee. That committee has drawn the job description for the new position and has circulated it to community papers, magazines, and organizations around the country for the widest exposure possible. The deadline for applications for the position is October 30.

For more information, call (602) 650-0900.

## Giuliano Rally Oct. 19 In Tempe

TEMPE - A rally and press conference in support of openly Gay Tempe Mayor, Neil Giuliano, will take place Thursday, October 19, at Tempe Beach Park, near the Tempe Town Lake at Rio Salado Parkway and Mill Avenue in Tempe.

Giuliano, was re-elected in March as mayor has come under fire in early October - after interim city manager announced that plans were in the works to devise a system whereby City of Tempe employees might designate that their United Way contributions only go to charitable organizations that don't discriminate.

At an October 5 city council meeting reaffirmed that city employees could donate to any group listed by the United Way that they wished, including the Boy Scouts of America. Soon after, a group of Tempe residents announced a recall campaign, declaring that Giuliano had abused his power in the United Way-Boy Scout

## IN MEMORIAM



NATHANIEL TODD DICKERTHOFF  
11/5/77 - 10/6/2000

In losing his battle with drug addiction, he left behind his partner, Shane, and many friends and family who cared deeply for him. His humor and compassion will be greatly missed. A memorial was held on Wednesday, October 11.

### 'NATHAN'S SONG'

I knew a young man, lovely, quite a sight, with energy of kings in his small frame. Weary was I when first we met, that night. To fuel his advances, and play the game with him of rolling "heys" and "aahs" cried loud.

We did have play, good times, fast, dangerous quick, sidesplitting, quivering, bright cloud of delight opening, joyful clamorous. As I saw him, not oft, it seemed he waned in body but not soul - at a rate fast so fast. Wracked by hard knocks, but still he feigned a strength and happiness, and lived steadfast.

O' brilliant boy who lived and died too soon. Live happy ever after in this run. N.W.G.

Nathan, we love and miss you. My "husband," my brother, my best friend. Love you minga, Jennie.

issue.

Join community leaders, friends and supporters of Mayor Neil Giuliano and help us send a strong message that the effort to throw the mayor out of office is, as the Arizona Republic has said, "ill-advised" and "should not go forward."

For information call (480) 820-37-13.

## 'Urbania' Opens At Catalina Theater

TUCSON - Urbania, one of the most honored and critically acclaimed films of the year opened at the Catalina Theater, 2320 N. Campbell, Friday, October 13.

Urbania was an official selection at both the Sundance Film Festival 2000 and the Toronto International Film Festival 2000. Dan Futterman (The Birdcage, TV's Judging Amy) received the best actor award at this year's Seattle Film Festival.

The Critics Agree, Urbania is one of the year's best. L.A. Times, Kevin Thomas - "Stunning. A powerful experience" A daring and unnerving evocation of contemporary big-city life. "Urbania" represents a formidable directorial debut for Jon Shear."



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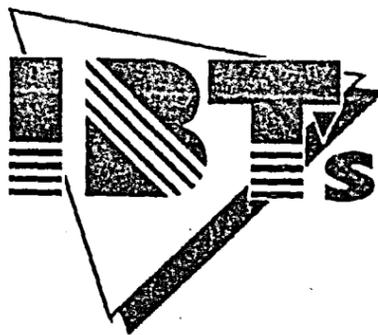
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# AIDSWALK 2000 Sunday, October 22

By Mark R. Kerr

TUCSON (ON) — Thousands of Tucsonans of all ages: straight, Gay and people living with HIV/AIDS will lace up their walking shoes, gather their pledges and head to Rillito Downs for AIDSWALK 2000, Sunday, October 22.

Some will be walking in memory of or to show support for: a lover, friend, son, daughter, brother, sister, a parent, and for people living with or who lost their battle to HIV/AIDS.

More than 3,500 participated in last year's event, raising \$230,000. The event has come a long way since its beginnings in 1988, when just 80 walkers participated, raising \$4,000.

AIDSWALK 2000 is the annual fund raiser for the Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation (SAAF). The Walk is run largely by volunteers, and is southern Arizona's biggest annual fund raiser for local AIDS services.

Proceeds from the AIDSWALK will go: To provide housing for people and families affected by HIV/AIDS, ensure food and care supplies for persons living with HIV/AIDS, cover costs for counseling and volunteer peer support for individuals with HIV and, prevent the spread of HIV by maintaining and extending education and support programs for teens, young adults, families, and others.

Despite media reports, a cure for AIDS has not been discovered. New medications, such as protease inhibitors are providing hope for people living with HIV/AIDS.

Even with the medications, new infections, especially among young people, are rising dramatically. Added in is the cost of these life saving medications. With all that, the need for services that AIDS Service Organizations (ASOs), such as SAAF, are as great as ever.

The fund raising goal for this year's event is \$250,000. According to AIDSWALK organizers, corporate sponsorship has increased to the point every dollar raised by walkers will go to client services and prevention efforts. More than \$300,000 has been raised for AIDS service organizations (now SAAF), in the history of the event.

Registration and collection of moneys will start AIDSWALK 2000. For the fourth consecutive year, a short interfaith service will begin the festivities. The service will again take place in the grandstands at Rillito Downs.

This year's walk will feature a new, different, walk route, 4k and 10k. A one day display of six panels (64 quilts) from the AIDS Memorial Quilt, which commemorates the lives of people lost to AIDS, will be displayed from 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Also new for this year's event, more booths, with food, information and entertainment will be at Rillito Downs as well. A live band, Sean Johnson & the Foundation, will perform after the Walk had been completed. The award ceremonies, which ends the Walk, will take place inside the track this year.

What if a person can't participate or attend the AIDSWALK? What if they don't know someone who is walking, but want to pledge? People can send a check, or money order (made out to AIDSWALK 2000) to SAAF, 375 South Euclid Avenue, Tucson, AZ 85719. Five percent of the moneys raised comes from pledges received after the actual event.

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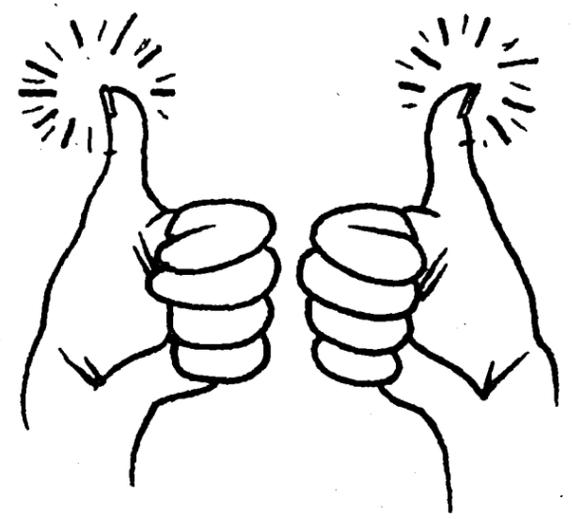
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By Frank J. Perez

**Proposition 203 And The GLBT'S**

Why should Gays, Lesbians, Bisexuals, and Transgendered persons (GLBT's) be concerned about the passage of Proposition 203 (the initiative to eliminate bilingual education from state funding)?

Proposition 203 is another attempt by some to inhibit equal access to education for subcultures of this country. As GLBT's, we should be concerned because the same group that seeks to eliminate one subculture's language (in part, it's culture) is the same group that attempts to limit our rights to second class status because of our sexual orientation and, therefore, deny us equal access in this country.

In years past, "immersion" was the primary means of dealing with limited English-speaking children in the education system (does this sound familiar to the ex-Gay movement in some way?). However, over time better means of educating non-English speaking children have emerged.

In spite of what people like Ron Unz (the Silicon Valley millionaire who is sponsoring and funding proposition 203) say, bilingual education does work. Everyone has heard of the successes of the two districts in California after bilingual education was eliminated there two years ago. What Mr. Unz and the proponents of the initiative haven't spoken of are the many other districts in California where bilingual education was eliminated and how they have fared since bilingual education was de-activated.

Besides test scores, we also need to talk of the side benefits bilingual education has provided over the last 30 years. I have been a speech-language pathologist beginning in the early 70's in California, Colorado, and Arizona working in schools where bilingual education has been in place. I have seen Spanish-speaking parents become more active in the schools (incidentally, affecting their English acquisition skills in a positive way in many cases). In Arizona, the dropout rate has decreased from 60% for students in immersion programs to 17% statewide since the implementation of bilingual education (Tucson Unified Schools extensive bilin-

gual education program has produced a dropout rate of just 6% for bilingual students). I have also seen an influx of highly talented, Spanish-speaking adults become proficient educators as the need arose for bilingual teachers.

In its present form, Proposition 203 would provide only one year of immersion for most students. How many of us have said that learning another language is a difficult task at best. And, yes, children do learn second languages with more ease generally than adults. But, let's add in learning math and science concepts in the new language in the first year or two. Only the more precocious could handle that. Most children would begin to lag behind in academic development after a year or two (compare dropout rates above). Yes, some children have remained in their primary language longer than many would like. But, many more children have excelled in learning to read and write and speak in two languages to the extent that puts my bilingual skills to shame!

Bilingual education does work! So, if you choose to vote to eliminate bilingual education for fiscal reasons (a "yes" vote does that) then so be it. It comprises only one-tenth of the one percent of the state education budget. The only other reason to vote to eliminate it is for "xenophobic" reasons, that is a fear of other people who act and think, and yes, speak differently that we do.

As GLBT's, we should regard this proposition as one more assault on the people of this country to be different whether it be because of their race, religion, ethnicity, gender or sexual orientation. Vote no on Proposition 203!

[Frank J. Perez, M.A., CCC-SLP, is a licensed, Speech-Language Pathologist.]

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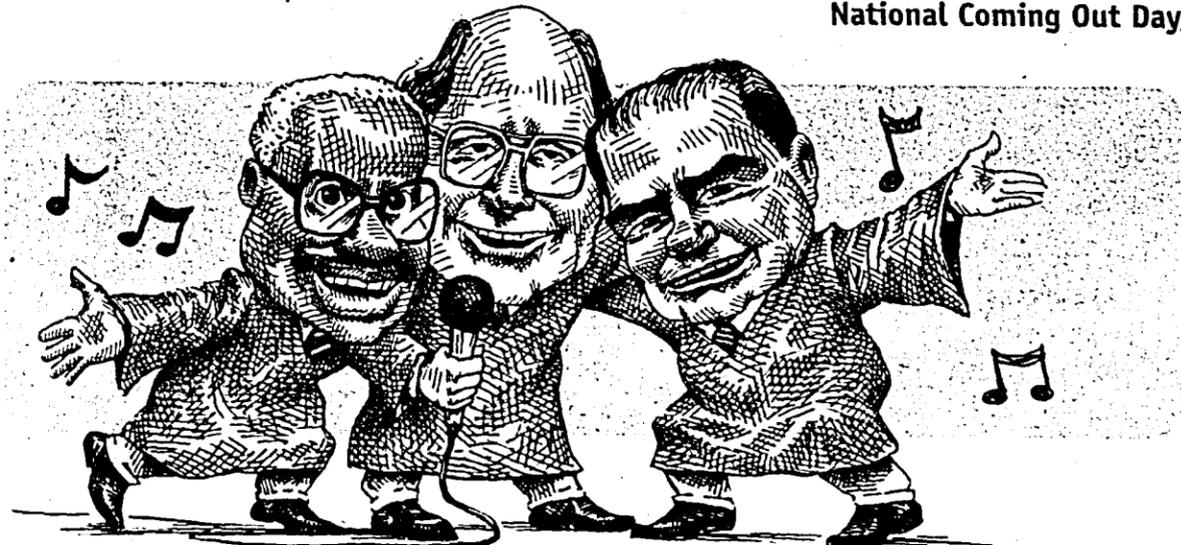
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# New Report Shows Hate Crimes Against Gays & Lesbians Are Up Bush Continues To Oppose HCPA

WASHINGTON, DC - The Human Rights Campaign (HRC) called on Republican presidential candidate George W. Bush and the GOP congressional leadership to stop opposing hate crimes legislation in light of new FBI statistics that show an increase in reported hate crimes based on sexual orientation.

"These unprecedented numbers indicate that somewhere in America every day at least three Gay and Lesbian Americans are being targeted for a crime just because they are Gay. It is profoundly disturbing that George W. Bush and the GOP leadership in Congress continue to ignore this growing problem and to turn their backs on hate crime victims and their families," said HRC Political Director Winnie Stachelberg. "People continue to die and American families continue to be torn apart while Bush and the GOP leadership pretend these types of crime do not exist."

The FBI released the Uniform Crime Reports for 1999, the latest year for which statistics are available. As overall serious crime continued to decrease for the eighth consecutive year, hate crimes based on sexual orientation have continued to rise and increased 4.5 percent from 1998 to 1999. Reported hate crime incidents based on sexual orientation have more than tripled since the FBI began collecting statistics in 1991; comprising 16.7 percent of all hate crimes for 1999 at 1,317. Hate crimes based on sexual orientation continue to make up the third highest category after race and religion, which make up 54.5 and 17.9 percent, respectively of the total, 7,876.

It is widely known that hate crimes based on sexual orientation are generally under-reported, and evidence indicates that FBI data does not paint the whole picture. The National Coalition of Anti-Violence Programs (NCAVP), a private organization that tracks bias incidents against Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender people, reported 1,965 incidents in 1999 in only 25 cities/jurisdictions across the country while the FBI collected statistics from 12,122 reporting agencies for the year.

These disturbing statistics come only days after Bush misinformed debate viewers about his stance on hate crimes legislation, saying that Texas had an effective hate crimes law. Although Texas has had a weak penalty enhancement statute since 1993, it does not cover sexual orientation. Legislation was introduced in 1998 that would strengthen the existing state law, while also adding sexual orientation. Bush opposed this bill because it protected Gay and Lesbian Texans, even after the family of African-American hate crimes victim James Byrd Jr., of Jasper Texas, asked him to support it.

In conjunction with the FBI report and Bush's record, HRC released a new radio advertisement featuring Judy Shepard, the mother of Matthew Shepard, a University of Wyoming student who was killed because he was Gay. Shepard took part in the ad to hold GOP presidential candidate George W. Bush accountable for his stated opposition in the second debate to comprehensive federal hate crimes legislation.

In the radio ad, Shepard pointedly asks Bush to explain his opposition to the Kennedy hate crimes bill. Shepard illustrates the need for passage of the Hate Crimes Prevention Act by pointing to the way two separate hate crimes were handled that took place in 1998. Further, Shepard makes the point that the Kennedy hate crimes bill is not about punishment as Gov. Bush continues to assert, and only about providing law enforcement with new tools to combat hate violence.

The ad features Mrs. Shepard speaking by telephone and is directed at Bush. The text of the ad: "Governor Bush, my name is Judy Shepard. Two years ago my son Matthew was murdered because he was Gay. Last week you said in the debate that you opposed the Kennedy hate crimes bill. I want to know why? It has nothing to do with punishment. It has everything to do with giving law enforcement new tools in combating hate violence. Your own state received federal help in convicting the murderers of James Byrd Jr. Law enforcement in Jasper, Texas received \$284,000 to help them with the crime."

"In Laramie, Wyoming, the sheriff's department had to layoff 4 deputies because of the cost of investigating and prosecuting my son's murderers. The detectives got the job done, but they support the Kennedy hate crimes bill because they did not get federal assistance. Why? Because sexual orientation is not covered in current hate crimes law."

"I am asking American families to call you, Governor, at (512) 463-2000 and ask why you said you support Senator Hatch's bill which is much weaker and excludes sexual orientation. Will you support including sexual orientation in federal hate crimes law? Governor Bush, we deserve an answer."

George W. Bush continued to refuse to answer whether he opposes adding sexual orientation to current federal hate crimes law.

"The Bush campaign's response to Shepard's question is the greatest Texas dance since the two-step, and shows a wanton display of political maneuvering," said HRC Political Director Winnie Stachelberg. "It is amazing that the Bush campaign can't answer the simple question of whether they support sexual orientation being added to current federal hate crimes law. Hate crime victims and their families deserve a simple, honest answer. Unfortunately, the Bush campaign has not been forthcoming."

In response to the ad Bush campaign officials, Tuesday, October 17, told the Washington Post, "Texas has a hate crimes law on the books...The individuals who murdered James Byrd Jr. received some of the toughest penalties available, including the death penalty for two and life in prison for the other."

Bush campaign officials also said Bush supports the bill put forth by Sen. Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, "because it helps states prosecute hate crimes without dramatically expanding the role and the reach of the federal government."

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**POLITICS 2000**  
by Mark R. Kerr

**'A Cover Column'**

"It's better to be talked about, than not be talked about," was said by the famous Gay playwright, Oscar Wilde, or Gay Monty Python Flying Circus member, Graham Chapman, in a sketch about Wilde. Less than a month before the general election, Gays and Lesbians were finally talked about, for a few minutes, by Vice President Al Gore (D), and Texas Governor George Bush (R), the leading candidates in the 2000 presidential campaign.

In their second debate of the general campaign season, the two leading presidential candidates wrangled for a few minutes over hate crimes legislation and Gay rights measures.

The exchange was one of only a few moderately heated moments during the October 11 meeting. Democratic presidential nominee Gore said he favored hate crimes legislation, employment discrimination protections for Gays and Lesbians, and civil unions for same-sex couples. Gore prodded Bush for his opposition to these measures. For his part, Republican nominee Bush said he did not support "special rights" and felt marriage was "a sacred institution between a man and a woman."

Hate crimes legislation came up in the context of the candidates' views on racial profiling — the police practice of using race or ethnicity as an indicator of possible criminality. "As for singling people out because of race, you know James Byrd [Jr.] was singled out because of his race," said Gore, referring to the African American man who was dragged to death by white supremacists in Texas. "I think that we can embody our values by passing a hate crimes law. I think these crimes are different ... because they're based on prejudice and hatred, which is — which gives rise to crimes that have not just a single victim, but they're intended to stigmatize and dehumanize a whole group of people." Gore then mentioned that Bush had opposed a Texas hate crimes law that was introduced in 1998 in the wake of the Byrd murder.

Bush responded by arguing that hate crimes laws are not really necessary, since "when you murder somebody, it's hate," regardless of the motivation; Byrd's murderers were sentenced to death even without being prosecuted for a hate crime, and "it's going to be hard to punish them any worse after they get put to death." (Bush was wrong on this, only two of the three perpetrators were sentenced to death; the other one got life in prison.); and Texas already has a hate crimes statute. Gore was apparently unprepared to challenge the effectiveness of that statute, which is so generic as to be virtually unusable.

On the subject of the proposed national Hate Crimes Prevention Act (HCPA), — which would add sexual orientation, gender, and disability to federal hate crimes laws — Gore expressed his unqualified support. The HCPA, which the administration deemed a top priority, was passed this year by the Senate and endorsed by a majority of House members. However it was killed last week by a House-Senate conference committee, largely due to opposition from the Republican-dominated House leadership. Bush said he supported a watered-down version of the bill, sponsored by Sen. Orrin Hatch, R-UT, which calls for further study of hate crimes, but would not include Gay and Lesbian people among the protected groups.

G/L right's groups said Bush's statements were flawed because the hate crimes law currently on the Texas books is so vague that it has only been used to prosecute criminals a handful of times since it was enacted in 1993, and it could probably

never be used in anti-Gay cases. Bush opposed a 1998 measure that would have strengthened the state law; for which he allowed it to perish in the state legislature precisely because it would have protected Gay and Lesbian Texans.

During the discussion of Gay relationships, though, the vice president stepped up his challenges to Bush, despite having been coached not to attack the Texas governor as he had in their first face-to-face. When moderator Jim Lehrer of PBS asked Bush about his views on same-sex relationships, Bush responded: "I'm not for Gay marriage. ... I feel strongly that marriage should be between a man and a woman."

"I agree with that," said Gore, adding that he thought there should be a way to allow some kind of civil unions. Gore tried to align himself with both vice presidential nominees, who said in their debate last week that they were thinking

about how to deal with same-sex partnerships. "I think all three of us have one view, and the governor has another view," he stated.

Gore also brought up his support for the Employment Non-Discrimination Act (ENDA), which would protect Gays and Lesbians from being fired for their orientation: "It's been blocked by the opponents in the majority in the Congress. I wonder if the governor would lend his support to the law."

Bush essentially dodged these challenges. Using the language favored by opponents of Gay rights, Bush said, "I don't think that [Gays] ought to have special rights, but I think they ought to have the same rights." Lehrer pushed him on what constituted "special rights" for Gays and Lesbians. Bush responded that granting them "special protective status" would qualify. Since hate crimes legislation and discrimination protections are based on

such a status, Bush would presumably oppose them — and he has expressed that view in the past. When Gore asked him directly about ENDA, Bush claimed not to know what it was and therefore begged off offering a position on it.

Throughout his responses, though, Bush painted himself as a "tolerant" person. "I'm going to be respectful for people who may disagree with me," he said in his response to the Gay marriage question. "I've had a record of doing so in the state of Texas. I've been a person that's been called a uniter, not a divider." Like Republican vice presidential nominee Dick Cheney, Bush said that he felt peoples' sex lives were a "private matter," and said he personally would never make hiring or firing decisions based on sexuality. Beyond that, though, Bush did not specify how his personal acceptance of Gay people would translate into action in office. ...

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**T H O R O S C O P E S**  
BY C. LICHTENSTEIN

**CAPRICORN**

**DECEMBER 23 - JANUARY 20**

Queer Caps should weigh their well intended actions carefully during the Venus / Pluto transit. Loose lips sink ships now and hidden bombadcers have a field day with any of your stray torpedoes. I happen to know that Gay Goats are usually fairly tight lipped (thus their popularity in certain circles...) but this transit has made mince-meat of stronger signs so keep it zipped.

**AQUARIUS**

**JANUARY 21 - FEBRUARY 19**

Aqueerians are social maestros but with the Venus / Pluto conjunction your tempo increases to a ferocious crescendo. Everyone dance or else! How much cheap abuse will you put friends through? Try to hold off on your more ambitious social events now; there is no sense whipping up the cream during this wild transit. There is plenty of time to be the cherry on top next week.

**PISCES**

**FEBRUARY 20 - MARCH 20**

Guppies are up to their gills in career nonsense. No matter how frustrating professional life is now, try not to despair or overreact during the Venus / Pluto conjunction. There is no sense in complaining anyway; your words will not have the intended effect and may make things worse. Suck up your gut and hold off for at least another week. It can't get much worse, anyway. I think...

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**ARIES**

**MARCH 21 - APRIL 20**

Queer Rambos find themselves a bit too mouthy for their own good when Venus chaffs Pluto. Let's face it cousin, you are a rather opinionated beast and this transit pushes you to take the fight to the streets in order to make a point. Push may come to shove, especially if the law is involved. Are you prepared to put your principles on the line? Then also prepare to pay the fine.

**TAURUS**

**APRIL 21 - MAY 21**

The most interesting part of the Venus / Pluto conjunction is whatever nonsense you say to people will sound authentic and ring true. Try using this energy to lure would be lovers into your Venus Fly trap. Even conservative queer Bulls may be tempted to attempt an outlandish coup d'corporation but my advice is to hold steady on the job and hold tight at home.

**GEMINI**

**MAY 22 - JUNE 21**

Gay Twins are happiest with a significant other as the Venus / Pluto conjunction ignites a spark to even a wet match. This transit can heat up a good relationship into an excellent one. However, the opposite is also true; A shaky partnership can turn into a lousy one. Of course, if you're searching for your dreamboat, it could bring in the entire fleet. Well hello sailors!

**CANCER**

**JUNE 22 - JULY 23**

Pink Crabs are ready to toss off their chains and announce their liberation from the workforce. The Venus / Pluto conjunction pits your desire to do a good job with your impatience at never getting ahead of the game or getting recognized. If you're fed up with being a working stiff (hmm... some people like it like that.) try to work off frustration at the gym. Marx is passe anyway, comrade.

**LEO**

**JULY 24 - AUGUST 23**

Fun has a way of getting way out of hand when Venus / Pluto conjunct. You may take excessive risks in order to show off (so what else is new?) or to spark a new flame. But don't scratch yet. Even one slightly lewd joke could lead to revolution so temper your humor if you prefer the quite life. Gay Leos prefer accolades, not rotten tomatoes. Wear something old and red, in case.

**VIRGO**

**AUGUST 24 - SEPTEMBER 23**

Expect quite a few changes around your home when Venus conjuncts Pluto. Queer Virgins may feel an overwhelming urge to call it as they see it with homophobic family members. This is fine as long as you are prepared to accept all outcomes. I always say that life is too short to compromise but time your manifest destiny after the conjunction passes for the best effects.

**LIBRA**

**SEPTEMBER 24 - OCTOBER 23**

Diplomatic Libras have a difficult time keeping the scales in perfect balance during the Pluto / Venus conjunction. Your emotions are nuclear so weigh what you say and what you do very carefully. On the bright side, you have a unique opportunity to set our agenda on full throttle and get our word Out, loud, proud and queer. Heck, sometimes you have to tip the scales to get attention.

**SCORPIO**

**OCTOBER 24 - NOVEMBER 22**

Calculating pink Scorps should reevaluate everything that they hold near and dear during the Venus / Pluto conjunction. Your values and closely held beliefs are placed on the petri dish of life; do you like what you see? Of course, by taking action now you may have to give up something that you currently treasure. Maybe it will be a weight off your back. You were beginning to stoop anyway.

**SAGITTARIUS**

**NOVEMBER 23 - DECEMBER 22**

Gay Sags are up front and all Out souls but now with the Venus / Pluto conjunction, you are changing form. Expect transformations in the way you appear to others during this particular planetary spurt and all through Pluto's visit. It may be that you are finally on track in your life's work, or it may be time for you to spread your wings and fly off to a new life focus. Pack a parachute!

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TUCSON - Pictured above are members of the Arizona Aces softball team, one of two local teams that represented Tucson in the San Diego Autumn Classic. See Separate story.

## Tucson Softball Teams Score In San Diego Tournament

TUCSON - The Arizona Aces participated in the recent Autumn Classic Softball Tournament held in San Diego, October 6-8. Over 31 teams from across the country in the Men's C Division of the tournament with the Aces finishing fifth.

Members of the Arizona Aces expressed their thanks to the official sponsors: Venture-N; and Gateway Villas Bed & Breakfast. A special thanks goes out to Ray and the management of the Venture-N for all their support.

Lastly, the Aces would like to congratulate the Arizona Angels for finishing first in the Men's B Division, representing Tucson well!

The Arizona Aces are preparing for the upcoming Winter Classic Tournament to be held in Palm Springs, California. If you play softball, come and join the team. For more information, contact Carlos, (520) 798-3390.

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## Season Achievements

High Average - Mamas Family, 533; Keith D., 225; Heather H., 184.

High Series Scratch - Keith D., 742; Heather H., 576; Sluts-R-U's, 1675.

High Game Scratch - Heather H., 227; Keith D., 300; Sluts-R-U's, 661.

High Series Handicap - Jen K., 652; Keith D., 742; The Nut Sack, 1944.

High Game Handicap - Keith D., 300; Kristen S., 258; Sluts-R-U's, 735.

## NBA Slam-Dunks Iverson's Lyrics

PHILADELPHIA, PA (NP) - The basketball player's forthcoming CD is ruled a foul by the game's commissioner, who warns that the penalty will be shame for the whole sport.

National Basketball Association (NBA) commissioner David Stern announced October 12 that Philadelphia 76ers star-cum-rapper Allen Iverson will modify offensive lyrics in his album Non-Fiction. The album isn't due out until February but the track 40 Bars was released to radio stations October 10. Reviewers have criticized Iverson's material as homophobic, misogynistic, racist and encouraging of gun violence; several protest demonstrations have been held in response. Iverson's promoter believes the controversy will boost album sales, although critics have not been impressed by music.

Commissioner Stern's statement said, "The NBA is a private organization. Whatever rights of free speech an individual may have, there's no constitutional right to participate in the NBA, and I have the power, under the collective bargaining agreement, to disqualify players who engage in offensive conduct - including inappropriate speech. The lyrics that have been attributed to Allen Iverson's soon-to-be-released rap CD are coarse, offensive and anti-social. However, I have come to understand, unfortunately, that certain rap artists regularly spew such lyrics to a wide audience at great profit to some of America's most successful entertainment companies. Notwithstanding the music's wide popularity, Allen, even by recording his lyrics, has done a disservice to himself, the Philadelphia 76ers, his teammates and perhaps all NBA players. However, I do not believe that the NBA should be in the business of regulating artistic expression, no matter how repugnant, and therefore concluded it would be inappropriate to fine or suspend Allen. I met with Allen and he told me that he was sensitive to the concerns that have been expressed to him by various groups and that he would take steps to

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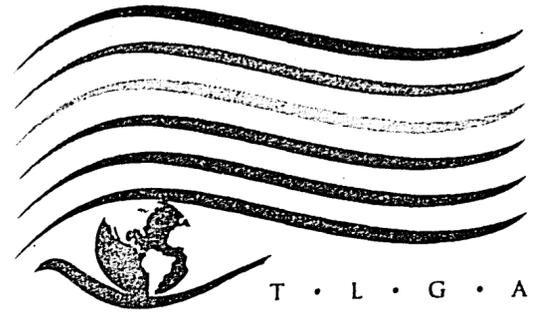
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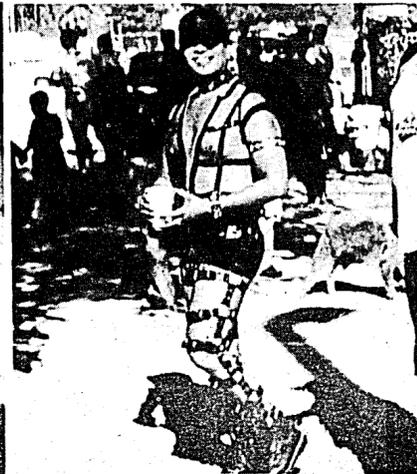
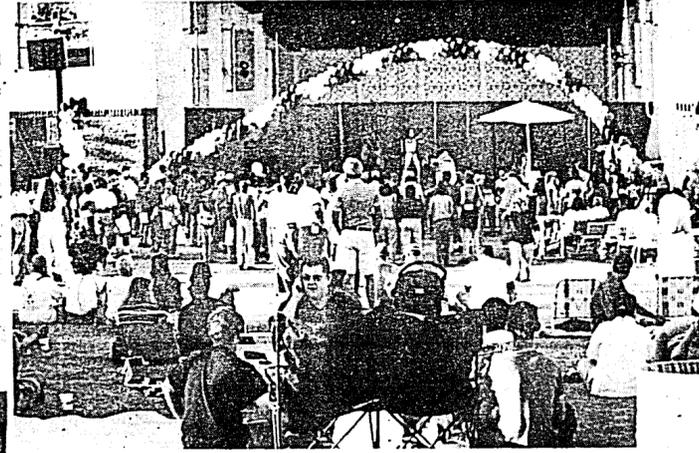
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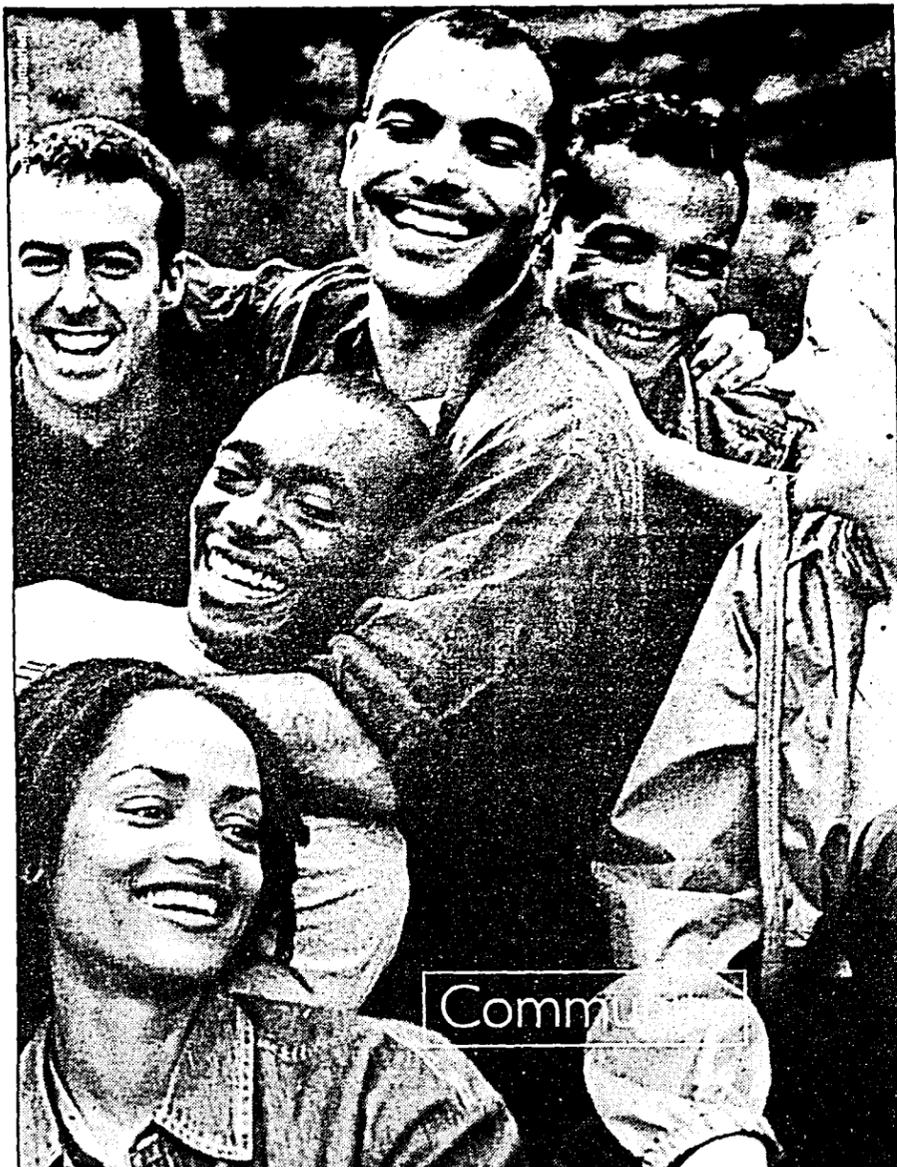
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# When Being Out Isn't Enough Part Two

## Defending Yourself Without Stooping To An Attack

By Michael Alvear

What nobody tells you about living an out, open and liberated life is how often you have to lift the chains off yourself. You'd think once they're off they'd stay off. They don't. When the owner of my karate studio told a group of us "I'd kill myself if my son turned out queer," I sat silent, the chains wrapping around me. And when her 14 year old son said "Don't worry, mom, I'm not a fag," I could feel the chains choking the breath out of me.

That I sat silent through their diatribe is one of the great shames of my life. What they said may have been nasty and inappropriate, but what I didn't say was immoral.

It took me a couple of weeks before I had the courage to confront the owner of the studio. How do you begin a confrontation like this? What do you say? Do I attack her for attacking me? Do I try to make her feel as bad as she made me feel? And what was I hoping to accomplish? You can't really change people. What could I say that would make any difference?

As her office door clicked shut behind me, my heart beat wildly.

"Can I talk to you for a minute?"

"Sure. What's up?"

"A couple of weeks ago we had a conversation that kind of upset me and I was hoping I could talk to you about it."

Silence. Her eyes narrowed.

"You made some disparaging remarks about Gay people's." My voice trailed off. "And I don't know how to reconcile what you said with the teachings of this school." I pointed to a permanent sign on the wall:

*Respect Yourself. Respect Others.*

She froze, unable to summon any words. I knew what I had to say next because if I didn't it would have put the conversation on a political rather than personal level. But fear was inching up on my courage. I was on the high diving board, too proud to climb down, too scared to jump off. I took an extra breath and finally said what I had come to say.

"And as a Gay man" I was really hurt by what you said."

Her eyes went wide. My moment of truth had come and gone. Hers was about to begin. And in between these two moments all I could think of was that it didn't matter how she reacted. She could throw me out of the school and it wouldn't matter. I had accomplished something more important than any reaction she could have: I had redeemed myself.

"Oh, my God!" she half-whispered. "I am so sorry. Please don't take offense at what I said. I have a big mouth and sometimes I need to keep it shut. I just had dinner with a good friend who's Gay and I'm always trying to convert him. I'm always trying to convert people away from things I don't understand."

I gently interrupted her. "I need to ask you something and I'd like an honest answer even if it's difficult for you to say it or for me to hear it".

Silence. I leaned forward and lowered my voice.

"Am I welcome here?" I went on before she had a chance to answer. "I don't want to leave and join another school because I love it here. But I can't stay if I'm not welcome."

Her answer? She went on with her apologies and asked me to forget about leaving the studio, that I belonged there. "Listen," she said. "You've already missed the first 10 minutes of class by talking to me. If you hurry you can catch the rest of it."

The teacher was in the middle of the mat. "Never use your strength and knowledge to attack people," he was saying to the class. "Only to defend yourself."

It occurred to me that I had done that. I didn't attack the studio owner. I didn't call her a bigot. I didn't try to "educate" her. I didn't try to change her mind. Instead, I did what I was taught at the school: I defended myself. And in the process, came one step closer to being the kind of the man I want to be.

This is the last of a two-part series. The author can be reached at [mikealvear@aol.com](mailto:mikealvear@aol.com).

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Water of Life MCC offers worship services each Sunday, at 9:15 a.m. and at 11:15 a.m. For further information, you may contact the church office at (520) 292-9151 or you may contact the Pastor at WOLMCC@aol.com.

Water of Life MCC, located at 3269 N. Mountain Ave., is a member congregation of the Universal Fellowship of

**GO IN GOOD HEALTH**  
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This week, I want to discuss some herbs that are good for dental problems. Myrrh is an excellent herb for healing dental infections, it is a powerful healing agent. I have used myrrh powder to brush my teeth with, and it acts quickly to heal sore gums. There are natural forms of toothpaste that include Myrrh and Propolis, and I recommend them. The Food Conspiracy Co-op has a nice assortment of natural toothpastes, as does New Life and Wild Oats market.

Toothaches can be very painful. I know, I have been fighting one myself lately! Oil of clove is very soothing to the teeth, and can be used by putting a few drops on a cotton swab and dabbing it on the tooth. It is best diluted as it is very potent. I have read that an actual clove itself can be held between the tooth and check for about half an hour to soothe the tooth. It is helpful. This folk remedy actually works, as the essential of from the clove absorbs into the gum and tooth and alleviates the pain.

Another powerful healing agent for tooth pain is Oil of Oregano, which is placed on the inflamed tooth. I have found

that chewing the fresh herb also helps, but it must be fresh, as the dried herb has lost it's volatile oils. Marjoram, an herb that is closely related to Oregano, is good for toothache also. Garden thyme, one of whose active ingredients is thymol, is soothing also. Interestingly, thymol is also found in oregano, though many of the other active chemicals in the plant are different. The active constituents in many herbs are now being identified and studied. We are discovering how powerful herbs can be to help.

The homeopathic remedies Chamomila, which is for teething and irritability, and Belladonna, for inflammations and fevers, are both soothing for painful teeth. There are also teething gels and teething tablets designed to ease the pain of painful teething. Adults can suffer quite a bit of pain and discomfort when their wisdom teeth come in, and these remedies can make things a lot more bearable.

Of course, you still need competent dental care. But it is also good to know that there are some natural remedies that help those who are suffering from dental infections, and tooth trouble. Daily maintenance of good dental hygiene is also essential. I have noticed there are also herbal mouthwashes, and dental powders designed to really help clean the teeth. They are wonderful products. Shop around for the best price.

The dental powders help to clean and refresh the teeth and gums, and bring oxygen to the tissues, which is essential for dental health. There are various natural remedies and dental care products to choose from. Tom's of Maine make several different kinds of herbal and natural toothpaste, and they come in different flavors. They work well. For those with sensitive teeth, special toothpastes are made to address those concerns, also.

Dental care is important to good health, as we need our teeth to chew our food, and without food, we cannot live. So take good care of your teeth and get adequate dental care. Avail yourself of natural remedies whenever possible to assist in your self-healing. It's definitely something to think about, because Good Health is to be enjoyed. Til next Time, Goddess bless!

P.S. Halloween is coming, and beware all those horribly sweet treats. Excess sugar really is bad for your teeth!

[Andrew Brooks paganbear30@hotmail.com. Andrew is an herbalist, a holistic counselor, and a healer, with over fifteen years of study in western herbalism. He is currently studying Chinese herbalism and other natural modes of healing.]

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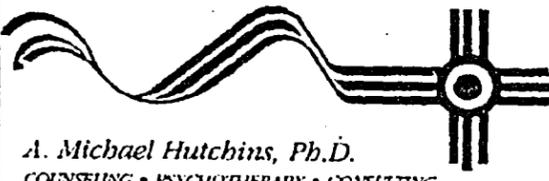
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### NBA Slam-Dunks Iverson's Lyrics

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eliminate from the final version of his CD those lyrics that many have found to be so offensive. If he doesn't follow through on that commitment, then he, along with the 76ers and the NBA, will merit whatever criticism may be leveled at us."

NBA Players Association vice president and 76ers center Theo Ratliff, who was in the meeting with Stern, said Iverson had actually already changed some of the lyrics beforehand, which may explain Iverson's later remark to reporters that, "The CD is done." But Iverson's other remarks later the same day suggest that any concessions he may be making are being done grudgingly. After a pre-season exhibition game the first draft pick of 1996 told reporters that, "Everything in the song and on the album people are going to find offensive, but I can assure you some of the things that the people are out there picketing and protesting for, they're doing for no reason. I don't want no apology after it's all over. The world will find out that those people were wrong for picking on me for something I didn't do or say."

Iverson had also declared October 10 that he would not be changing his lyrics, despite a meeting he called a "good exchange of ideas" with activists including long-time director of the Philadelphia Lesbian and Gay Task Force Rita Adessa. Adessa told the Associated Press that the meeting "suggested more caring than I've ever seen from white rappers like Eminem. It suggests at some level Iverson may care about community." Also attending the meeting were representatives of the Martin Luther King, Junior Association for Nonviolence and the National Association for the

### Advancement of Colored People (NAACP).

Iverson had issued a statement on October 5, saying, "If individuals of the Gay community and women of the world are offended by any of the material in my upcoming album, let the record show that I wish to extend a profound apology. If a kid thinks that I promote violence by the lyrics of my songs, I beg them not to buy it or listen to it. I want kids to dream and to develop new dreams." He has said the album is intended for an audience over 21. He defends its content as his self-expression, reflecting his experience of growing up in low-income housing projects surrounded by violence, drugs and sex. He also spent three months of a five-year sentence behind bars.

There is little question that the album promotes violence. 40 Bars says, "Man enough to pull a gun, be man enough to squeeze it" and goes on to include the sounds of a gun being cocked and fired. Its anti-Gay content includes the line, "Come to me with faggot tendencies/You'll be sleepin' where the maggots be."

On October 10 in Philadelphia about twenty protesters attended the 76ers first pre-season game while another dozen demonstrated outside. On October 9, about a half-dozen members of the King Association for Nonviolence protested outside two Philadelphia radio stations, one of which had not yet received the album, while the other, WPHI-FM, had edited 40 Bars before playing it on the air to little acclaim.

Iverson's marketing adviser "Que" Gaskins enthused to the Philadelphia Daily News that, "This guy is going to end up printing money" - as if an \$8 million contract with the 76ers weren't enough. "This album is going to sell now. Kids are going to want to hear what he is rapping about."

### Tucson's 6th Annual L/G Film Festival Oct. 25 - 29

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opening night festivities is the first episode of "Queer As Folk," the sexy and popular British mini series. The complete series will be screened throughout the festival, and passes to all of the episodes are available for \$15. Tickets to opening night are \$10 and include live entertainment and hors d'oeuvres. There will also be a cash bar.

Thursday, the festival continues with Paragraph 175, the graceful documentary from Rob Epstein and Jeffrey Friedman (Times of Harvey Milk, Common Threads and Celluloid Closet) focusing on the experiences of Gay Holocaust survivors. Also on the Thursday program is "Gendernauts," which features a guest appearance by Annie Sprinkle. "Gendernauts" explores the phenomenon of "Cyborgs" people who alter their bodies and minds with new technologies and chemistry, with an emphasis on biological women who are using testosterone.

Friday evening features "Get Your Stuff," a light-hearted look at a Gay couple trying to adopt, who take in a pair of juvenile delinquent teenager, followed by the ever so sexy "Gypsy Boys," which beings with a bunch of guys discussing the places on the male body from which one could sip champagne, and by the way, the body is stretched out in full voyeuristic view.

Saturday is free youth day, and features a host of charming and insightful short features for men and women. Later, the afternoon progresses with "Latin Queens: Unfinished Portraits of Our Lives," an intense portrait of Latino Drag Queens escaping South American persecution, and "XXXY," which presents a stirring portrait of two intersexed individuals born with ambiguous genitalia. On a lighter note, "Out & About" is a light-hearted campy and surreal drag drama. Prior to the eve-

ning's presentations, the festival presents "Chrissy," an honest and realistic portrait of an HIV positive Lesbian. The evening lightens up with "Julie & Me," a modern women's romance. Late in the evening, the festival hops on over to the International Arts Center with "How to F\*\*\* in High Heels," the steamy, non politically correct, erotic Lesbian film too hot for the University Campus!

The festival concludes on Sunday with "Red Rain," the story of Gina "Boom-Boom" Guidi, a professional women's boxer seeking the women's Welterweight championship and the very touching, "Wallowitch and Ross: This Moment," John Wallowitch and Bertram Ross have been a duo since the 1980's, a sophisticated lounge act that combines Wallowitch's piano virtuosity and wicked sense of humor with the straight-man (not referring to his sexual orientation) antics of the singing Ross. The pair, now in their 70's, have been lovers for over 30 years. The film covers their early careers - Wallowitch is a prolific composer with more than 1,000 songs to his credit; Ross was a principal dancer with the Martha Graham Company for 30 years - then delves into their mid-life relationship without belaboring the Gay angle.

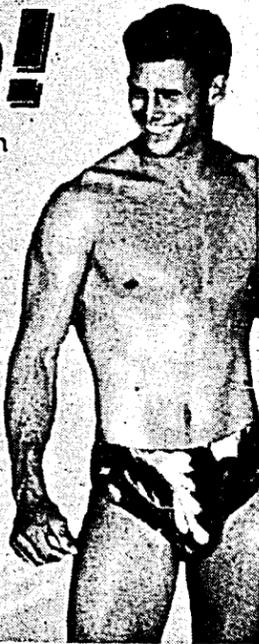
Producers passes, which include admittance to the Opening Night festivities and all screenings are a bargain at \$45. Passes for all episodes of "Queer as Folk" are \$15. Individual films or collections of films are \$5. Advance sales for passes, opening night are available at: Antigones, Desert Pride, Tucson Trunk, and Orange Grove Brew and Vine, in addition to the box office throughout the festival. For more information, check out the Wingspan web site, [www.wingspan.org](http://www.wingspan.org), or call (520) 322-6742 or (520) 622-2900.

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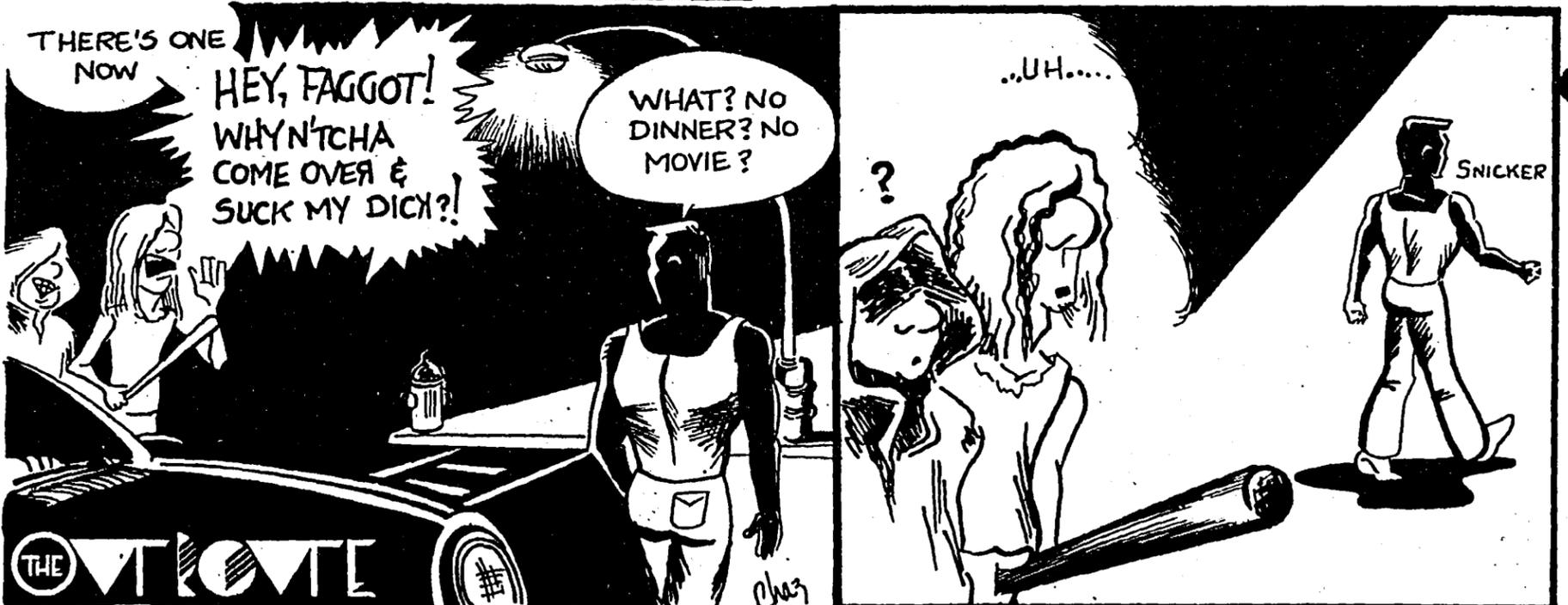
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# Gay Chaplain

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straightened out."

Johnson is so out of step with reality that she believes his homosexuality is some kind of passing condition that he should get "straightened out."

On the other hand, Peterson naively believes that Coppinger can deny who and what he is.

Coppinger's position as chaplain is largely ceremonial. His salary and the \$150,000 budget which pays for, among other things, the weekly luncheons, all come from donations. He serves at the pleasure of Senate President Brenda Burns and House Speaker Jeff Groscost, both Republicans.

Burns is the legislator who said that no decision should be made hastily. But she also suggested that the Legislature might consider doing away with the position.

We would agree with eliminating the chaplain for the Legislature. But we don't believe that Coppinger's homosexuality is the reason for that.

We're for letting people pursue the faith of their choice. But we find the idea of an official chaplain, whatever the religion, a little uncomfortable. After all, whose faith is the chaplain representing?

To be sure, Coppinger has his defenders among Republicans. For instance, Mike Gardner of Tempe, a man who hopes to be Speaker of the House, says Coppinger should stay.

Coppinger fully understands that his revelation will probably cost him his job. If not that, it is almost certain to be the end of the fat donations that pay his salary.

And there's the irony of all this. Coppinger came from a conservative church, was appointed by conservatives and serves at the pleasure of conservatives. Now it is the conservatives who will have to decide what to do with a man whose life they no longer believe represents those conservative viewpoints.

It must be devastating for Coppinger to have those closest to him in religion and political philosophy turn their backs on one of their own.

## Hate Crimes Up

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"What the Bush campaign failed to mention is that the Hatch bill does not include sexual orientation which leads us to wonder if he does not believe Gay and Lesbian Americans should receive the same protection as other people from hate crimes," said Stachelberg. "Furthermore, although Texas has had a weak penalty enhancement statute since 1993, it also does not include sexual orientation. Legislation was introduced in 1998 that would have strengthened the existing state law, while also adding sexual orientation, but Bush opposed it."

The new HRC radio campaign will play in media markets where Bush is traveling and will continue following Bush on the campaign trail until he answers the question posed by Mrs. Shepard. A spending figure for the campaign is not available due to the open-ended nature of the run.

In June, the Senate voted 57 to 42 - including 13 Republicans - to pass the language of the revised Hate Crimes Pre-

vention as an amendment to the Defense Authorization bill. On Sept. 13, by a vote of 232-192 - including 41 Republicans - the House passed a motion to instruct conferees to keep the hate crimes measure in the DoD bill. Despite bipartisan passage in the House and Senate, the GOP leadership stripped out hate crime legislation while the bill was in conference. It appears now that the only way hate crimes legislation can become law is if it is made part of the final budget negotiations between the House, Senate and the White House.

While the statistics are alarming, the need for comprehensive federal hate crimes legislation is even made more clear by real life examples of people who have been targeted because of their sexual orientation. For example, on Sept. 22, Ronald Edward Gay walked into the Backstreet Cafe, a Roanoke, Va. Gay bar, and opened fire on patrons killing one person and wounding six others. According to the Washington Post, Gay told police that he shot seven people in a Gay bar because of anger at jokes people made about his last name. Gay has been charged with first-degree murder.

The revised HCPA would serve as a tool to help law enforcement by allowing federal assistance, when necessary, in the investigation and prosecution of hate crimes. According to a study funded by the Bureau of Justice Statistics, 85 percent of law enforcement officials recently surveyed recognized this type of violence to be more serious than similar crimes not motivated by bias.

A recent Garin-Hart-Yang Research Group poll, conducted August 28-31, 66 percent of all voters care so much about this issue that they would be less likely to vote for a candidate who does not

support legislation that would strengthen the prosecution of hate crimes motivated by prejudice against the race, religion, gender, disability or sexual orientation of the victim, which this bill does. The legislation has the support of 175 law enforcement, religious, civic and civil rights groups.

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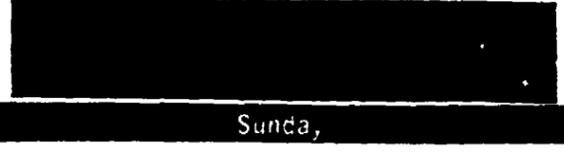
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Gay and Lesbian Reading Group meets at 7:30 p.m. at Barnes & Noble on Broadway. The group will be reading "Kissing The Witch" by Emma Donahue. Newcomers are especially welcome. The group meets regularly here on the Third Wednesday of each month. Among the titles the group will be reading are "Tales of the City" by Armistead Maupin and "Red Azalea" by Anthea Min. Everyone is welcome to join the group at 5130 E. Broadway (at Rosemont).

It's coffee at Coffee Etc. (2830 N. Campbell Ave.) Come join Bears of the Old Pueblo for coffee, meet and greet. 7-9 p.m. All are welcome.

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Prime Timers luncheon at Tosh's Hacienda, 14 Camino Otero, Tubac, AZ. Car pool to Nogales following luncheon. Call Sylvan 747-5669 for more information.

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Join Jerry and Les as they host Game Night-an evening devoted to board and card games. You're encouraged to bring your favorite game for others to enjoy as well. For reservations and directions, please call Les or Jerry at 690-9565.

Desert Voices in concert 8:00 p.m. at National Hall at the International Arts Center. Members of Desert Voices poke fun at the Halloween season with music from Broadway and off-Broadway. Last season's "Cabaret" concert and Silent Auction sold out. Don't miss out on the fun or the shopping and remember to wear your mask at the Cabaret! Prizes for the most creative mask, cash bar, food from Tucson's finest eateries. Silent Auction of over 100 items begins at 6:30 p.m.

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22**

Save this date! Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation AIDS WALK 2000. Live music, food and fun. Call 791-WALK (9255) for more info or check out www.aidswalktucson.com

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 10:00 a.m. The men of MSN will participate in the annual AIDS Walk. If you'd like to join us, or just donate money for this good cause, please call Jeff at 731-2988.

3:00 p.m. Bears of the Old Pueblo Fiesta 2001 Planning Committee Meeting. Come be a part of the premiere Bear event in the country. Call 327-1620 for details or check out www.botop.com. Find out how you can help make Fiesta 2001 the best ever.

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 23**

1. Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 6:30 p.m. Tom leads the Triangle Tribe-a support group with MSN which is designed to teach openness and communication. For reservations and directions, please call Tom at 318-1650.

2. Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Join Perry as he hosts Bridge Night. Beginners and seasoned players are welcomed. For reservations and directions, please call Perry at 321-4387.

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 25**

Wingspan's 6th Annual Gay & Lesbian Film Festival opens tonight beginning at 6:00 p.m. At the historic Rialto Theater, 318 E. Congress. Cocktail hour 6-7:30 p.m. "A Laugh At Ourselves":The evening features a collection of 12 comedies for men and women. Also included in the opening night festivities is the first episode of "Queer As Folk", the sexy and popular British mini-series. The complete series will be screened throughout the festival. Tickets for opening night are \$10.00 and includes live entertainment and hors d'oeuvres. There will also be a cash bar. Screenings run from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m.

1. Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Help us in getting out the newsletter for the coming month. It's quick and simple, and you get to know the guys you're working with! We also have door prizes and dessert. For reservations and directions, please call Jerry or Les at 690-9565.

2. Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 8:00 p.m. Join us as we show "Finding North"-a film about a man on a scavenger hunt at the request of his late lover. Tagging along is a straight woman who just turned 30 and lost her job. This comedy-drama is sweet and fun. For reservations and directions, please call Les or Jerry at 690-9565.

7:30 p.m. Game Night with the Bears. Join them for snacks, drinks and bring your favorite Board Game. Call 327-1620 for details or check out www.botop.com

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18**

IBTS - 9:00 p.m. The Girlie Show featuring Lucinda Holiday with Mr. Kenneth Blake, Tori Steele and Faith Michaels.

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22**

IBTS - Smirnoff Party line-up includes Jeff's Bloody Mary Recovery Bar from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Karaoke with Billy Dee on the patio from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m., Benefit Bar-B-Que / Beer Bust from 5:30 to 8:00 p.m. This week's proceeds go to IBT's Arizona Angels softball team. Then at 9:00 p.m. it's the Men of IBT's Male Revue. 3 hot dancers just for you. Serving Smirnoff in the well all day.

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 25**

IBTS - 9:00 p.m. The Girlie Show. Birthday show for Lucinda featuring Lucinda Holiday, Bunny FuFu, Phaedra and Faith Michaels.

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28**

IBTS - 8th Annual Black and White Ball and Halloween Costume Party and Contest. \$150 first place, \$75 second and \$50 third.

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 31**

IBTS - Halloween Costume Party and Contest. \$125 first prize, \$75 second and \$50 third place.

WOODY'S - Un-Halloween Party! Prize for best non-costume!!!

It's coffee at Coffee Etc. (2830 N. Campbell Ave.) Come join Bears of the Old Pueblo for coffee, meet and greet. 7-9 p.m. All are welcome.

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 26**

Wingspan's 6th Annual Gay & Lesbian Film Festival continues at the UofA Aeronautical Building at the corner of Speedway & Mountain. 7-8:45 p.m. "Desert Hate" and "Paragraph 175". 9-10:45 p.m. "Gendernauts". 11:00 p.m. to Midnight "Queer As Folk".

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 27**

Wingspan's 6th Annual Gay & Lesbian Film Festival continues at the UofA Aeronautical Building at the corner of Speedway & Mountain. 7-8:35 p.m. "Get Your Stuff". 9-11:20 p.m. "Mountain King", "Besame Mucho (Kiss Me A Lot)". 11:30 p.m. - 12:30 a.m. "Queer As Folk".

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Jerry hosts a Topic of Discussion on "Coming Out". We're all in various stages of the coming out process. Whether you're at the beginning, or so out it hurts, come share your experiences with others for growth. For reservations and directions, please call Jerry at 690-9565.

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28**

Wingspan's 6th Annual Gay & Lesbian Film Festival continues at the UofA Aeronautical Building at the corner of Speedway & Mountain. Noon-2:35 p.m. Free Youth Program featuring several short comedies. 2:35-3:45 p.m. Gay Young Men's Health Project panel discussion: Transgender. 4:00-6:15 p.m. five shorts. 6:30-8:00 p.m. five different shorts. Then it's Women's Night Out! Part 1 from 8:15 to 10:15 p.m. "Julie & Me", "7 Digits" and "Venga". Followed at 10:30 "Queer As Folk". Women's Night Out! Part 2 is too hot to show at the University so it will take place at the International Arts Center, 516 N. 6th St. No one under 18 admitted. The explicit films begin at 11:30 p.m. to ?????

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Join Jack as he hosts Pinocchio 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 Jack at 292-9217.

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29**

Wingspan's 6th Annual Gay & Lesbian Film Festival continues at the UofA Aeronautical Building at the corner of Speedway & Mountain. 2:15-4:00 p.m. "The Offering" and "Wallowitch & Ross: This Moment". 4:30-6:00 p.m. "Queer As Folk". 7:30 Closing Night Party.

3:00 to 7:00 p.m. Trick or Treat Open House hosted by the President of Bears of the Old Pueblo. Come visit with the bears at this come and go event. Light refreshment and drink will be provided. Call 327-1620 for details or check out www.botop.com

Prime Timers Dinner Meeting 5:30 p.m. at El Corral Restaurant, 2201 E. River Road - North side. (1/4 mile East of Campbell Road.). Call Sylvan 747-5669 for more information.

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Join Jerry and Les for a showing of the original version of "The Exorcist". Pea soup will not be served! For reservations and directions, please call Les or Jerry at 690-9565.

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 30**

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 4:30 p.m. Tom leads the Triangle Tribe-a support group with MSN which is designed to teach openness and communication. For reservations and directions, please call Tom at 318-1650.

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 31**

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Join Bill for a Halloween Night showing of "The Rocky Horror Picture Show". Let's do the time warp, again! For reservations and directions, please call Bill at 297-3569.

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 3**

One of America's brightest social and political commentators, Kate Clinton, delivers her insightful satire on politics, technology, family and Lesbian life just in time for the millennial elections. Dubbed "the unimpeachable Madame President of comedy," Clinton's new performance piece, "Y2K.COMedy," incorporates political material with the edge of daily news and musings on modern family ties and life as a Gay American. Centennial Hall at 8:00 p.m. All tickets are \$35.

**Sunda,**

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

IBT's - 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 abmmunity 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.

VENTURE-N - Open 10am. Patio open noon. Patio Beer Bust 3-7pm 75¢ draft, \$2 pitchers. 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 3-7 pm. Volleyball 5:30 pm. B-B-Q 5-9pm. \$2.50 burger or chicken; \$1.50 Hot Dog. Karaoke with Billy Dee 9pm to close. Patio Bar Open.

**Monday**

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - Happy Hour Two-For-One 2-7. \$1.50 Wells 8-midnight, 25¢ cups of draft 8 to closing.

IBT's - Open 10am. Martini Monday all day all call martinis's \$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.

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

WOODY'S - Open Noon. Happy Hour 3-7pm. Karaoke w/Billy Dee 9pm to close. Special drink prices 8pm to close for American Airlines - American Express - AOL employees.

**Tuesday**

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Happy Hour Two-For-One 2-7pm. Pool tourney 7:30pm. \$3 entry, pot matched. \$1.50 longnecks for pool players. \$2 Long islands all nite. Dance to music w/DJ S. Country music 9 to close

IBT's - 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.

VENTURE-N - Open 8am. Patio open 5pm.

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

**Wednesday**

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Happy Hour Two-For-One 2-7pm. \$1.50 pitchers 9-close. 80s Retro & house music with DJ Sarafina.

IBT's - 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.

VENTURE-N - Open 8am. Patio opens at 5pm.

WOODY'S - Open Noon. Happy Hour 3-7pm. Pick-up Volleyball games start 7pm. Spaghetti & meatballs 6-9pm \$2.50. Patio bar open.

**Thursday**

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Happy Hour 2-7pm, 2for1. Karaoke with Liz 9pm to close. \$1.50 Tequila & 75¢ Watermelons.

IBT's - 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.

VENTURE-N - Open 8am. 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. Patio Bar Open.

**Friday**

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

IBT's - 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.

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

WOODY'S - Open Noon. Happy Hour 3-7pm. Martini Party - Well Martinis \$2.50 all day. Call Martinis \$3 from 4pm to close. Volleyball Court is Open. See bartender. Patio Bar Open.

**Saturday**

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Open at 2pm. Drink specials all day. Pool Tournament 6:30pm \$3 entry. Pot matched. \$2 pitchers for pool players. Dance music w/DJ Hill 9-close. Drink specials every half hour.

IBT's - 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.

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

WOODY'S - Open Noon. Happy Hour 3-7pm. Volleyball Court is Open. See bartender. Steak Fry 5-9pm Filet Mignon, vegetables, salad, potato & roll \$4.50. Patio Bar Open.

**Informing The Community**



**NOTICES**

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

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

**LESBIAN SUPPORT GROUP**. Involving discussion, support and activities. Designed to support each other. Meets 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of each month from 9:30 to 11am. Alternate Saturdays the group meets for social activities. For info call Dorian Easty, facilitator. 882-7723

**P.F.L.A.G.** - Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays - is a support group available to anyone who has a son, daughter or friend who is Gay. Call 575-8660 or write P.O. Box 38264, Tucson, AZ 85740-8264. All replies confidential.

**ARE YOU GAY OR LESBIAN** and someone else's drinking is getting to you. Call Wingspan at 624-1779 about a new Al-Anon group being organized in Tucson.

**YOUNG AND GAY?**

GLBT Youth 23 and under, meet every Saturday in Tucson for sharing, support and information. Meetings are held at 300 E. 8th Street from 3 to 4:30 pm. You are not alone. For more info call Wingspan, 624-1779.

The **TUCSON Chapter of PRIME TIMERS WORLDWIDE** invites Gay or Bisexual men and their admirers to join and share Prime Timers fellowship. We welcome mature men (and admirers) who wish to become involved with planned and future Prime Timers activities. Meetings luncheons and dinners are held monthly. For dates, times and information call 529-8344, 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 - 328-AIDS**. Hours M-F, 9:00 am to 10:00 pm. Information, counseling, HIV-related services, Tucson.

**GAY OR BI-SEXUAL MEN** in relationships with women. Need friends you can talk to? Weekly support group meets Wednesdays 8:30 - 8:00 pm. Licensed psychologist facilitator. Call 745-8977 in Tucson for more information. Strictly confidential.

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

**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 886-1208 or Brian at 882-4728 for information.

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

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

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

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

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

**COCHISE COUNTY LESBIANS AND GAYS**. P.O. Box 818, Bisbee, AZ 85603 / (602)432-5591. Rap Group, Youth Group, Social and Political Events.

**SAA (Sex Addicts Anonymous)** has 5 meetings a week in Tucson. People who wish to stop their compulsive sexual behavior, please call (520)570-1225 for current information.

**LUTHERANS CONCERNED** - Tucson chapter for Gay/Lesbian Lutherans meets 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday, 6:30 p.m. each month at Santa Cruz Lutheran Church, 8809 S. Cardinal Ave. For information visit [www.lctucson.org](http://www.lctucson.org) write: LC, 7014 E. Golf Links Road, PMB 212, Tucson, AZ 85730.

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

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

**RAINBOW SUPPORT GROUP**. For Lesbian, Bisexual and Transsexual/Transgender women with disabilities (including invisible disabilities). Meets last Tuesday of every month from 6:00 until 7:30 p.m. Call DIRECT 624-6452 or Wingspan 624-1779 for more info or directions. Completely accessible and a chemical free zone. (No perfume or scents please!) Women of all ages and disabilities are invited.

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**NOTICES**

**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 690-9585 for information and a newsletter. Check the Non-Bar Calendar in the Observer.

**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 289-6647.

**FOR INFORMATION ABOUT SPORTS TEAMS** and updates on Gay Games 2002, contact TEAM ARIZONA at their website: [teamarizona.org](http://teamarizona.org)

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

**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 615-6436 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.

**SOUTHERN ARIZONA GENDER ALLIANCE (SAGA)**. Meetings on the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday, 7pm. Dezert Girtz (MTF) Meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday at 7pm. Dezert Boyz meets 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday at 7pm. of every month. All meetings take place at Wingspan, 300 E. 6<sup>th</sup> St. Call 624-1779 for more info. SAGAE-mail@aoi.com <http://members.aoi.com/sagaemail>

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

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

**DESERT DUNGEON TUCSON'S 100% CONSENSUAL, Pan-Fetish, Pan-Sexual, Informational, Educational, Safe Space for the B&D, S&M, D&S and TV community**. Call us at (520)325-0131, or <http://www.azds.net/dd>

**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](http://AAPSP.org) or e-mail: [AAPSP@aol.com](mailto:AAPSP@aol.com) or call Dave (520)745-9059 (Tucson) or Kim (602)534-6219 (Phoenix)

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

**TUCSON CATHOLIC GAY & LESBIAN FAMILY MINISTRY**. Currently meeting the 4th Monday of every month at 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.

**LEARN TO BE A LISTENING FRIEND** Unique Hospital Volunteer Program teaches listening skills to Volunteers who provide a safe/compassionate environment to at-risk patients. Training every 8 weeks. 694-7063.

**TUCSON INTERFAITH HIV/AIDS NETWORK (TIHAN)**, a coalition of faith communities committed to a compassionate response to HIV/AIDS, provides HIV education in congregational settings, volunteer CareTeams to support HIV+ persons, a referral network of HIV-sensitive clergy, and interfaith services of healing and hope. For more information call 289-6647.

**LESBIAN/GAY/BI-SEXUAL OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS**. Saturdays 1 to 2pm new location Wingspan, 300 E. 6<sup>th</sup> St. Contacts 325-6878 or 327-4293.

**NOTICES**

**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.

**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. Elie 581-8850 or Romn 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

**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 8:30-9:00 p.m. at Cornerstone Fellowship Social Hall, 2902 N. Geronimo (near 1st Ave. and Laguna). Open to All. Call Liz at 325-9468 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 6:30 to 9:30pm at Armory Park Senior Center, 220 S. 6th Ave. Call 791-9662.

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.

**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 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday at 7:30 p.m. in the Madonna Hall at Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Church, 1436 N. Campbell across from University Hospital. For more info. Call Eddie Betano 888-4595.

**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, Ext.448 or Emmett 322-6057 ([evellen@ix.netcom.com](mailto:evellen@ix.netcom.com))

**AZdykes** is a new email list for Lesbians living in Arizona. For information mail [lyan@theriver.com](mailto:lyan@theriver.com) and request guidelines.

**OUTLOUD!** Tucson's premiere Local Lesbian and Gay Radio Show, broadcast every Wednesday at 6:03 pm on 81.3 FM, Community Radio KXCI. The show "This Way Out", a nationally syndicated Lesbian and Gay radio show is aired at 5:30 pm every Wednesday.

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

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**OCTOBER 25**  
**OPENING NIGHT**  
 AT THE HISTORIC  
 RIALTO THEATER  
 318 E Congress  
 COCKTAIL HOUR  
 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM



**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 26**  
 UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA AERONAUTICAL BUILDING  
 CORNER OF SPEEDWAY AND MOUNTAIN  
**"THOUGHTFUL REFLECTIONS"**

Sponsored By Wingspan  
 7:00 PM - 8:45 PM  
 Desert Hate  
 Paragraph 175  
 9:00 PM - 10:45 PM  
 Gendernauts  
 11:00 PM - Midnight  
 Queer As Folk

**"A LAUGH AT OURSELVES"**  
 Sponsored By Speedway Veterinary Hospital Inc.  
 7:30-9:00 PM  
 Rick & Steve The Happiest Gay Couple  
 In All The World  
 Baking With Butch  
 Life's A Butch  
 Hi, I'm Steve  
 Sunday Afternoon  
 Way I See It  
 Kiss  
 Hitchcock On Homos  
 Lost Cause  
 Beautiful Girl  
 Jake "Today I Became A Man"  
 9:00 PM - 10:00 PM  
 Evening Break TIME TO STRETCH!!!  
 AND PARTY!!!!!!!  
 10:00 PM - 11:30 PM  
 Queer As Folk

**FRIDAY,**  
**OCTOBER 27**  
 UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA AERONAUTICAL BUILDING  
 CORNER OF SPEEDWAY AND MOUNTAIN  
**"THAT'S ENTERTAINMENT"**

Sponsored By IBT's  
 7:00 PM - 8:35 PM  
 Get Your Stuff  
 9:00 PM - 11:20 PM  
 Mountain King  
 Besame Mucho (Kiss Me A Lot)  
 Gypsy Boys  
 11:30 PM - 12:30 am  
 Queer As Folk



**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28**  
**WOMEN'S NIGHT OUT (PART 1)**  
 Sponsored By The Amazon Foundation  
 8:15 PM - 10:15 PM

Amazon Foundation  
 Julie & Me  
 7 Digits  
 Venga  
 10:30PM 11:PM  
 Queer As Folk



**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28**

UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA AERONAUTICAL BUILDING  
 CORNER OF SPEEDWAY AND MOUNTAIN

**Salud Es Poder**



**"GENERATION NEXT"**  
 Sponsored By Queer Voice  
 Free Youth Program  
 Noon - 2:35 PM  
 Crush  
 Weeki Wachee Girls  
 Jake "Today I Became A Man"  
 Desert Hate  
 A Little Fierce  
 Birthday Time  
 Rockwell  
 He Bop  
 2:35 PM - 3:45 PM



**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29**  
 UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA AERONAUTICAL BUILDING  
 CORNER OF SPEEDWAY AND MOUNTAIN  
**"THE FEMININE SIDE OF SPORTS"**

Noon - 2:00 PM  
 Breaking The Glass  
 Red Rain

**GAY YOUNG MEN'S HEALTH PROJECT PANEL DISCUSSION**  
**"TRANSGENDER"**  
 4:00 PM - 6:15 PM  
 XXXY  
 Transit



**"WARMTH OF THE GIANTS"**  
 2:15 PM - 4:00 PM

The Offering  
 Forbidden Fruit  
 Wallowitch & Ross: This Moment  
 4:30 PM - 6:00 PM  
 Queer As Folk  
 7:30  
 Closing Night Party

Latin Queens: Unfinished Stories Of Our Lives  
 Out & About

**"RED RIBBONS"**  
 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM  
 Chrissy  
 Hey Madonna  
 Pill Ritual  
 Walking With The Dead  
 Lost Cause

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28**  
**GIRL'S "LATE" NIGHT OUT (PART 2)**  
**TOO HOT FOR THE UNIVERSITY!!!!**  
**\*\*\*NOT FOR THE POLITICALLY CORRECT\*\*\***

JOIN US AT  
 THE INTERNATIONAL ARTS CENTER  
 516 N 5th Ave  
 \*\*\*\*\*NO ONE UNDER 18 ADMITTED\*\*\*\*\*  
 11:30 PM -????  
 Love Tale WARNING: EXPLICIT  
 How To F\*ck In High Heels  
 WARNING: SEXUALLY EXPLICIT  
 How To Pick Up Girls  
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