

G/L Mardi Gras Tourism To Boost Sydney Economy By Millions

SYDNEY, Australia - It began as a civil-rights march marked by violent clashes with police but has turned into Australia's single biggest tourism earner, which this year will boost the economy by more than \$52.8 million.

Sydney's annual Gay and Lesbian Mardi Gras, which takes place Saturday, attracts a string of blue-chip sponsors and is broadcast live on pay per view TV and the Internet.

This year, major companies including Qantas, Pepsi, Ford Motor and the telecommunications giant Telstra have provided backing in the hope of raising their profile within the Gay and Lesbian communities.

However, the commercialization of the event has caused controversy, with some activists claiming it has become a cynical marketing vehicle for corporations eager to cash in on the lucrative "pink dollar".

Even the once-detested New South Wales police are getting in on act, and have used Mardi Gras as the backdrop for a campaign to recruit Gay and Lesbian officers.

Mardi Gras began life on a cold night in 1978, when 1,000 people gathered for the first International Solidarity Day March. The march ended in violence, with police arresting 53 demonstrators.

From there the annual parade was born, attracting 50,000 marchers in 1984, when homosexuality was still illegal in New South Wales.

That figure had doubled by its 10th anniversary in 1988, and in 1993 the event was so successful the Sydney City Council donated money to the organizers.

These days the Mardi Gras is one of the world's biggest and most colorful street parties, with more than 700,000 spectators expected.

Mark Goggin, general manager of the non-profit Sydney Gay and Lesbian Mardi Gras, said the event's original political ideals remained intact and were now being projected to a far bigger audience. The 16 principal sponsors had donated nearly \$1 million but had no say in the event's content, Goggin said.

That the festival has become so big - and so mainstream - was a positive advertisement for Gay equality throughout society, and testament to the entrepreneur-

ial spirit of the Gay community, he said.

"The strength of Mardi Gras is to make politics fun and to use a process of celebration and pleasure as the force to change people's attitudes."

The figures surrounding the 24th annual parade, which is the culmination of a month-long arts festival, are staggering. More than 7,000 people and 170 floats will take part.

More than 20,000 people will then attend a huge dance party featuring the world's top DJs. Full highlights will be broadcast on network television the following evening.

Although some religious groups

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Gays On List Of Biggest Political Donors

WASHINGTON, DC - Two Gay men were among the top 20 political donors during the 1999-2000 election cycle, according to a survey conducted by Mother Jones.

The magazine compiled a list of the 400 biggest donors, whose combined contributions totaled \$123 million. Fred Eychaner, owner of Newsweb Corp. in Chicago, contributed \$946,000 to Democrats last year, making him number 8 on the list. Eychaner and his partner, Ken Lee, also sponsored the single most successful fund-raiser that the Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee held in Chicago, and they were responsible for a Gay fund-raiser attended by Tipper Gore, wife of Democratic presidential nominee Al Gore.

Also appearing on the Mother Jones list, at number 16, is Terrance Watanabe, chairman of the Oriental Trading Co., a direct-marketing firm based in Omaha. Watanabe donated \$704,700 during the election cycle, with all of the money going to Democrats except for a contribution to Republican senator Chuck Hagel, who is from Omaha. Watanabe is a former member of the board of the Human Rights Campaign and a major donor to the San Francisco Public Library, where he is honored with a plaque.

Other Gay donors appearing on the list are GeoCities founder David Bohnett (number 26, with \$601,900 in contributions to Democrats and Gay candidates); Quark software founder Tim Gill (number 67, with \$410,750 in contributions to Gay

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G/L Marriage Ban Derailed In Vermont

MONTPELIER, VT (RH) - A bill to ban same-sex marriage in Vermont crumbled under the scrutiny of lawmakers as opponents pressed the argument that supporters had overlooked the full legal ramifications of the measure.

Republican Rep. Margaret Flory, chairwoman of the House Judiciary Committee in the state, conceded the committee needed more time to investigate the bill's full impact.

Democratic Rep. Margaret Hummel reportedly stunned many in the chamber by pointing out an existing statute that the committee overlooked while considering the initiative. Under Hummel's reading of the law, the proposal, in addition to outlawing Gay marriage, would also criminalize sex between Gay or Lesbian couples.

Hummel was one of several Democrats to criticize Flory for her failure to oversee a complete examination of the proposal in committee. House Democrats accused Republicans of pushing the bill prematurely to score political points in advance of Vermont's annual town-meeting recess.

Democratic Rep. Ann Seibert delivered one of the most stunning indictments of the committee's behavior under Flory's leadership. "I am quite frankly stunned to think the chair of Judiciary is willing to pass a bill without the full knowledge of the facts," she said.

"If I weren't so appalled," Seibert continued, "I could give way to the basic sadness that I feel. This is clearly nothing but an attempt to sprinkle confusion, dissension and hatred into a stew we have been wallowing in for well over a year."

Earlier, Democrats failed in their attempts to thwart the ban on Gay marriage or get the bill remanded back to committee. Some argued the bill was redundant because marriage had been defined as the union between one man and one woman in at least two other places in Vermont statutes. Others said including the ban in the incest provision of the law was an unnecessary slight.

Flory maintained the proposal was a "clarification" of the existing law and agreed to move the language to a new section of the marriage law so as not to offend.

But it wasn't until Hummel stood and noted that under the proposal same-gender couples who had sex could be arrested on a felony charge and subject to five years in prison and a \$1,000 fine that things started to unravel for supporters.

"This bill is nothing more than a mechanism, a cruel and deceitful mechanism, to attempt one way or another to undo what was done a year ago," said Democratic Rep. George Cross, in reference to civil unions. "I don't believe all the good members of the Judiciary Committee intended to precipitate a deceit on this body but somebody did somewhere, and that's what this is all about," he said. "It's about civil unions and let's get down to it."

Scouts Press For Federal Protection Of Gay Ban

IRVING, TX (ANR) - The Boy Scouts of America is pressing for passage of a federal law that would prohibit government "discrimination" against the organization for exercising its "constitutionally protected expression of beliefs and associational rights."

The proposed law, called the Scouts Honor Act, was introduced in Congress last year by Republican Rep. Thomas Tancredo of Colorado in an attempt to reinforce the rights won by the Scouts in a U.S. Supreme Court decision last June.

A conservative 5-member majority upheld the BSA's right to prohibit membership to scoutmasters and scouts on the basis of their sexual orientation.

In response, former President Bill Clinton signed an executive order banning anti-Gay discrimination in the use of public lands and facilities. Some viewed Clinton's order as an attempt to circumvent the impact of the Court's ruling.

But the change in occupancy of the White House seems to have slowed down the pursuit of the Scouts Honor Act. President Bush supports the Scouts' position, making the need for the act less urgent in the eyes of Scouts supporters.

Still, with the support of the national leadership, the Scouts are circulating a petition nationally pressing Congress for passage of the law. The petition is said to have nearly 250,000 signatories.

The Scouts Honor Act did not come up for a vote last year. But the U.S. House of Representatives did give the Scouts an overwhelming bipartisan nod in September when it defeated a bill sponsored by Democratic Rep. Lynn Woolsey of California to revoke the Boy Scouts' federal charter.

Since the 5-4 Supreme Court

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UPDATE

Arizona Rainbow Vets Disband

PHOENIX - On February 18, the Arizona Rainbow Veterans voted to disband their organization.

The all-inclusive veterans group has acknowledge that they have achieved its goals that were established when the organization was created. These goals included the acceptance of all veterans, Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgendered and heterosexual in the veterans community, the cooperation of the Veterans Administration with all veterans and the placing of a memorial dedicated to all veterans that was placed in the National Cemetery of Arizona.

"Our members are now accepted in other veterans organizations with no prejudice," stated Arizona Rainbow Veterans President Franc Gaxiola. "The Veterans Administration has been very supportive and we have not encountered any major issues with treatment at the V.A. Hospital. We have been successful in showing Arizona that it is possible to be a proud American Veteran no matter what our sexual orientation may be." All assets will be donated and the group has also voted to donate the remaining treasury to the Cemetery Support Committee.

Green Thursday Theatre Performance to Benefit Wingspan

TUCSON - Green Thursday Theatre Project is proud to announce that it will add a tenth performance of their current production of Shakespeare's R&J on Sunday, March 11, 7:00 p.m.

Suggested donation for this performance is \$10 and all proceeds will go to support Youth Programs at Wingspan, Tucson's Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgendered community center. The Wingspan youth group is for people 23 years of age and under who identify as Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgendered or who are questioning their sexual orientation. The youth group provides a safe place for people to discuss issues about sexual orientation and a place to express feelings, thoughts, needs and concerns about any part of their lives.

Director David Morden commented that it is an appropriate charity to support, given the theme of Shakespeare's play: "The lovers in the original story have no one to advise them through the tempest of awakening sexuality. Tucson is extremely fortunate to have this invaluable resource of support for our youth through a confusing and sometimes difficult period of their development."

For tickets, call (520) 795-4322.

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Gays Invited To St. Patrick's Day Parade

TUCSON - Come march and show your Pride at the 14th Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade, March 17.

The Tucson Lesbian & Gay Alliance, has once again, been invited to march in the St. Patrick's Day Parade. It is the only parade in Tucson in which such an invitation is extended to a GLBT organization. TLGA would like to have a large contingency from the GLBT community come and show their support of Tucson, the Irish heritage and culture, and the St. Patrick's Day Parade Board of Directors.

The 14th Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade and Festival begins at 11:00 a.m. Following the parade is the Irish Festival with activities and entertainment for all. If interested in march in the parade, call TLGA, (520) 622-3200, and leave your name and phone number.

James Taylor Debuts As RGMC Artistic Director

TUCSON - Reveille Gay Men's Chorus presents Classically Reveille, at Pima Community College Center for the Arts for two evening performances on March 23-24, 8:00 p.m.

This concert will be under the leadership of Reveille's new Artistic Director, James Taylor. It will feature some of Reveille's "classic" popular concert numbers, including Fernando from ABBA, Zion's Walls by Copland and Bohemian Rhapsody from Queen.

The 34 members of the chorus are very excited to be working under the direction of Taylor. After nearly six years of successful growth and musical accomplishment under founding artistic director James Gall, Taylor brings a strong gift of musical leadership to take Reveille to new heights of musicianship and entertainment for the Tucson arts community. For tickets and more information, call (520) 617-3100.

Recreational Volleyball Starting

TUCSON - All playing levels are welcome to join in on Recreational Volleyball.

There is play on the first and third Saturday of each month, at the Sand Court at Saint Francis in the Foothills UMC, 4625 E. River Road, 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

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Invitation To The Healing Of AIDS

TUCSON - People are cordially invited to attend the Black Church Week of Prayer for the healing of AIDS Gospel Benefit.

This event will take place Saturday, March 10, 5:00 to 7:00 p.m., at Friendship Missionary Baptist Church, 850 N. 11th Avenue.

This special event is hosted by the interdenominational Ministerial Alliance, the Kente Project and the Tucson Interfaith HIV/AIDS Network (TIHAN). Food will be served following the program.

For more information, call Iris Berry, (520) 622-3651, ext. 509.

New Men's Social Group Meets

TUCSON - A new men's social group is forming and has had held it's first gathering.

A second planning meeting and coffee will be held Sun, Mar 11.

To become part of this new activity, for questions, or directions and time, call (520) 624-6768 or 749-1142.

Rainbow Support Group Update

TUCSON - The Rainbow Community Support Group, sponsored by the Reconciling Committee at St. Francis in the Foothills United Methodist Church meets every Thursday, 7:30 to 9:00 p.m., in Room 42/43, 4625 E. River Road.

The primary purpose is for people to have a safe and supportive place to share personal situations/life happenings. The group is facilitated by both men and women and is open to people 18 and over. They also sponsor social activities for people to connect socially outside of the group.

If you wish to attend, or would like more information, call (520) 299-9063.

TGNET Sexuality Safer Sex Workshop March 16

TUCSON - TGNet Arizona continues its series of free sexuality/safer sex workshops (including what is it? where do I find it? and how do I do it joyously and safely?) with Trans/Sexuality: TransWomen Only, Friday, March 16, 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., at the Wingspan LGBT Community Center, 300 East 6th Street.

The Trans/Sexuality: TransWomen Only workshop is designed to help TransWomen learn how to express their sexuality in delightful, safe and satisfying ways. Merryll Sloane - nationally known sex educator, performance artist, and writer - will once again facilitate. With her easy-going presentation, accessible teaching style and joyful approach to sexuality, Ms. Sloane has been teaching introductory and advanced erotic topics to people of all genders and sexual orientations since 1992.

Please note that Trans/Sexuality: TransWomen Only is open *only* to self-identified Transgendered, Transsexual and/or gender-variant women (male-born, female-identified), regardless of sexual orientation or hormone / surgical status. Space is limited, so RSVPs are encouraged, but not required. You can RSVP to Alexander John Goodrum by email at ajgoodrum@uswest.net or by phone at (520) 566-4591. Admission is free and refreshments will be served. Please join us for a fun-filled, life-enhancing evening.

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New CBS Television Show Heightens GLBT TV Presence

NEW YORK, NY (GFN) - After much upheaval for Gays on television over the years, Gay network TV shows may have reached a new milestone: they're no longer remarkable. Primetime program "Some of My Best Friends" debuted last week on CBS and its claim to fame is that it actually isn't noteworthy.

"It's the first non-groundbreaking Gay show, and that's a good thing," notes Scott Scemin, Los Angeles-based entertainment media director for the Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation.

But what is unusual is that it's the first Gay show for CBS, which has an older audience than the other networks, making it the last traditional network to go Gay.

With "Some of My Best Friends," a critical mass of programs all about Gay people is now happening, not just those that happen to have Gay characters.

Years ago, GLAAD charted over 30 Gay characters in primetime programs but while that number has since fallen, there are now more leading shows all about Gay people. "Some of My Best Friends" joins successful shows "Will & Grace" on NBC and "Queer As Folk" from Showtime, as well as Fox's ill-fated "Normal, Ohio," starring John Goodman.

Unfortunately, as with the so-called reality TV and the success of "Survivor," copycat shows are rarely as strong.

"Normal, Ohio" has been pulled from the Fox lineup even as "Will & Grace" is now network TV's fourth-highest rated program (following "ER," "Survivor"

and "Friends") in the coveted 18-49 demographic (number nine among all age groups), and "Queer As Folk" is the highest rated primetime program for Showtime this season.

"Some of My Best Friends" -- an updated "Odd Couple" with one Gay roommate and based on the Gay film "Kiss Me Guido" -- will have to find an audience fast. The show is a midseason replacement that did not get strong advertising promotion and it debuted with a low debut rating. Further, the network only ordered seven episodes of the show, and TV critics haven't widely embraced it. The Boston Globe called it "a sitcom that only a laugh track could love" but offered that it has "one or two good zingers buried in the middle."

The New York Times noted the show is "shameless in its use of stereotypes" of Gays, Italians and Asian people. (also: "'Some Of My Best Friends' Serves Up Some of the Worst Gay Stereotypes.") Yet some suggest this truism may be less of a liability than an asset for many viewers. "I think the familiar is much more comfortable for audiences, generally," says Stacy Lynn Koerner, VP-broadcast research at TN Media, New York.

"Queer As Folk," which has also been criticized for its use of stereotypes and emphasis on graphic Gay male and Lesbian sex, may have lost much of the non-Gay audience from its debut night, according to GLAAD's Scemin.

While Showtime executives were unavailable for comment, the point raises an issue that remains unresolved: there are

no regular studies of TV viewing habits for Gays and Lesbians. If the non-commercial show has lost straight viewers after scoring the highest debut rating in three years for the network, then "Queer As Folk" may actually be the first mainstream primetime hit program due to a Gay audience.

Showtime declines to share actual ratings numbers or the rate of new subscriptions represented by "Queer As Folk."

Meanwhile, some media buyers like "Some of My Best Friends," which means it will get ad dollars for now. "I think the show is funny, much better than 'Normal, Ohio' but not as funny as 'Will & Grace,'" offers Koerner.

Industry observers note that the problem with "Normal, Ohio" was a mixture of poor writing and the difficulty in seeing Goodman in an unfamiliar role. Says Scott Grogan, a Fox spokesman, "He was Dan Conner, the poor, put-upon husband of 'Roseanne.' When an audience sees an actor in an entirely different and incongruent role, it's difficult for them to accept."

Adds Bill Cella, executive VP-director of broadcast programming for North America at media agency Universal McCann, in New York, "TV is all about writing and it wasn't that funny. Nothing on John Goodman, he's hysterical."

While Fox hasn't yet officially cancelled "Normal," no one is offering hope for its return and there are apparently no other Gay-themed programs in the pipeline from the network or even at ABC,

which started it all with "Ellen." Not true for CBS, which is planning two more new Gay shows.

Ellen DeGeneres is working on a return to primetime with CBS after coming out as a Lesbian on "Ellen," but a planned variety show that was to be a mid-season replacement this year is being retooled, oddly, with a storyline similar to "Normal, Ohio" for midseason 2001. Also in the CBS pipeline for the same period is "Say Uncle," about a Gay Hollywood man who suddenly becomes a parent to two children, which the network is said to have fought other networks for.

"It's the first script I've seen that I've been excited about since 'Will & Grace.' It shows Gay people being parents," GLAAD's Scemin says of "Say Uncle." Despite the promise of such shows in development, if "Some of My Best Friends" fails, he says it will make things harder for other Gay-themed programs. "Programmers are only going to consider that they failed, not why."

As some point out, "Will & Grace" didn't have a strong debut at first either. Whether "Some of My Best Friends" becomes the next "Will & Grace" or the next "Normal, Ohio," the landscape for Gay programs has never been better.



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Entertainment Briefs...

Rosie O'Donnell has "no problem" with a New York magazine article that discusses the mainstream media's reluctance to mention, as the article put it, "the woman who constantly appears at her side in public." O'Donnell was not quoted directly, but her unnamed spokesperson told the columnists that O'Donnell and her girlfriend "never hide away. Rosie's sexuality has never been important to her, and it's not going to be now. I don't think it's important to her public. She is what she is."

Barbra Streisand is planning to record a second Christmas album in 2001. "Her label [Columbia Records] doesn't even know about this," a source close to Streisand said. Gay icon Streisand recorded A Christmas Album in 1967.

On September 1, Headline Media Group will launch PrideVision, the first network in Canada providing news, information, and programming focused specifically on the Gay and Lesbian community. HMG acquired the network from Levfam Holdings Inc. and Alliance Atlantis Communications Inc. No announcements have yet been made regarding specific programming for PrideVision.

The current issue of Spin magazine includes the editors' choices for the Top 40 bands for the year 2001, and among those making the list are out indie rockers the Promise Ring (number 36), Lesbian icon Ani DiFranco (35), out rocker Kathleen Hanna's post-Bikini Kill band Le Tigre (34), Gay fave Madonna (24), and controversial rapper Eminem (5), whose lyrics have made him a magnet for controversy among some Gay activists. (Art-rock combo Radiohead, incidentally, topped the list.)

Jeers to kissing and telling.

Performing the latest show business ritual - actor playing Gay does media blitz to make sure everyone know he's only acting.

Queer as Folk's Hal Sparks appeared on NBC's Tonight Show January 26. Guided by the sniggering questions of host Jay Leno about what it's like kissing men on the Showtime series. Sparks spent most of his segment coming out as a heterosexual.

Relax, Hal, we understand: You're an actor. A straight actor. A heterosexual actor. As in, a not Gay actor who really likes women. Today's audiences are so-

phisticated enough to distinguish between actor and character. And the protestations undermine Queer as Folk professes to stand for. Button your lip. By TV Guide

Desert Voices Announces VIP Tickets

TUCSON - Desert Voices is pleased to present their tribute to R & B music with Heart & Soul, at the Berger Performing Arts Center on March 17-18.

The March 17 evening performance will feature guest recording artist CeCe Peniston. "This is a first for CeCe, and a first for the chorus," states Artistic Director Keith Koster. "We're in for a real treat in that we get the opportunity to perform WITH her onstage." The chorus has commissioned Chris Tackett to write two collaborative selections for CeCe and the group to perform together. Ms. Peniston's platinum-selling Finally is part of VH1's TOP DANCE HITS OF ALL TIME. Legend has it that Ms. Peniston penned the tune while in chemistry class in college at age 19. She'll also perform her latest dance hit, which hit #2 on the charts, Lifetime to Love.

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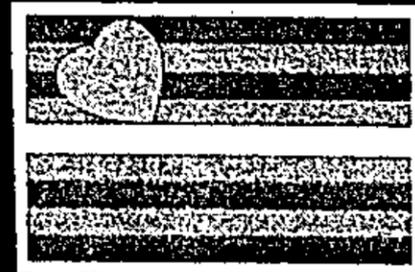
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This week, my dear queer family, I want to talk about owning your own life. By that, I mean taking full responsibility for your life, and not playing the blame game. I was reading another Gay publication, during a recent trip to Phoenix, and read a query from a fellow Gay man who was aghast when he discovered, after having unsafe sex with a man, that the man was poz. Well, that certainly would be an unpleasant surprise, but I got to thinking. How often do we take full responsibility for our lives?

When you have sex with someone else, you need to be up front, even when the sex is getting hot and intense, and insist on safe sex. If you don't care about HIV, and are willing to play Russian roulette by engaging in sexual acts that could lead to transmission of a life-threatening disease, just know this. It's not up to the other person to police your actions, it's up to you! No matter what you do in bed, and there are many wonderful aspects to sex, you need to remember to take charge of the situation and respect your own limits. This goes way beyond sex. It's about your own life, and what you decide, for yourself, what is acceptable, and what isn't. This applies to abusive relationships also. It's futile and destructive to try to convince yourself that it's your fault your partner is beating you up, lying to you, and abusing you. No, they aren't likely to change. You need to leave that situation. Staying powerless and blaming yourself is the ultimate act of self-sabotage.

Likewise, projecting blame onto others for all your mistakes, and blaming them for every failure or mistake you make is also futile. Simply admit when you do something wrong, apologize, sincerely, and make the necessary effort to rectify the situation and make it better. There are some people who are very good at shifting the blame to others. It's not someone else's fault when you are two hours late for an appointment because you just couldn't turn off that television show and get out the door, it's yours. Projection is a mental trick to avoid responsibility. We cannot go through our lives as victims and expect to have meaningful, productive lives. When you are constantly searching for others to blame for your mistakes, that is simply a way to sidestep taking responsibility for your actions. We are the masters of our own lives. It's not up to our friends, spouses, or family to tell us how to live our lives.

We need to look at ourselves honestly, and see what we are doing right, and where we are going wrong in life. If you don't like your career, don't sit there whining about it day after day, change jobs! If you are in a relationship that has died, don't torture each other and cling to the shadow of something that is gone. Let it

go, and move on. That might be hard to do, at first, but you need to be honest and see where your life has become stagnant sometimes and make the necessary changes.

If you are the kind of person who needs a lot of sex with various people be honest about that. Don't pretend to commit to a monogamous relationship if that's not in your nature. Tell your partner, up front, what you want. If you find yourself with a jealous, overly possessive partner who is highly suspicious and fears you will leave them, that's their insecurity. Don't let it ruin your life. Maybe they had a history of unfaithful lovers, or aren't happy within themselves, and cling to you because they fear being alone. Such people usually don't love themselves enough, and are terrified you are going to find someone better. I know about such people. I dated one. He was constantly trying to smother me, and worried excessively that I was going to leave him. The sad thing is, his own behavior drove me away. I would have made a go of it, and tried to make it work, if only that had been the right thing to do. I had to be honest, however, and see him as is, aside from the flowery promises he kept making, and never fulfilled. Reality is often far removed from the fantasy. If it doesn't work between you and another person, realize that.

Owning your own life means doing what is for your highest good, and also not harming others. It's not a license to be selfish and take what you need from people and dumping them when they no longer suit your purpose. It simply means not allowing other people to control you, or wasting your time and energy blaming everyone around you for what's not right with your life. You have the power to change anything you want to change. You can make your life anything you want it to be. All you have to do is try. It's as simple as that. If you have a bad habit, such as a drinking or drug problem, and finally decide it's time to quit, then do it. If you can't face it alone, don't feel like a failure. Such things can have a powerful grip on you, physically and psychologically. Get the necessary help, and turn your life around. Aren't you worth it? Just think of how wonderful your life can be, when you take charge and aren't a slave to your addictions.

Life is to be enjoyed. Taking responsibility for your own actions, and plotting your course and life, and living life for your highest good, is always the best way to go. Anything less would be at the most settling for second best, and aren't you worth more than that? It's something to think about. Goddess bless. Til next time. Go in Good Health.

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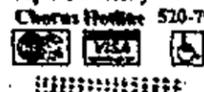
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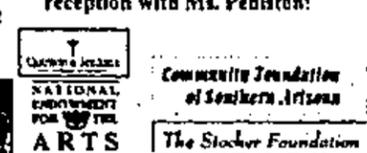


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by Mark R. Kerr

Arizona Legislature Grinds On

With the deadline to hear bills by committee, in their respective chamber, falling on Friday, March 9: Is it the end for Arizona's archaic laws? Can Arizona's indigent population, who are HIV positive, get a life saving break? Will Arizona's GLBT citizens have protections against discrimination in employment because of their sexual orientation or identity? Groups which discriminate, such as the Boy Scouts, be able to get funding from cities and towns which cut off monies because of their practices?

Arizona's House Ways and Means Committee heard testimony, Tuesday, March 6, on a bill that would repeal the state's archaic laws dealing with cohabitation and sodomy, and voted 7-3 to approve HB 2016. After hearing testimony, three Republicans joined the Democrats in support of HB 2016, introduced by state Representative Steve May, (R-Paradise Valley).

Unlike previous efforts, HB 2016 takes a different approach. May's bill, with a strike-everything amendment, entitled the Equity Act of 2001, modifies the definition of "dependent" for income tax purposes and also repeals the cohabitation, sodomy, and lewd and lascivious acts.

In testimony given by committee staff, Arizona is one of twelve states that have laws on the books dealing with cohabitation, which prevent unmarried heterosexual and same-sex couples from claiming a dependent on their income tax forms, even if support requirements are met, because the relationship between the taxpayer and the dependent violates Arizona cohabitation statute. The state uses the same definition for dependent listed in the Internal Revenue Code (IRC), which says individuals can't claim a dependent if the relationship violates local law. If Arizona's archaic laws were repeal, people filing as head of households (with dependents) would save between 25 to 30% on their state and federal taxes.

During the testimony, state Representative Dean Cooley, (R-Mesa), questioned the point of the amendment, since it would "benefit those who practice a lifestyle not best for our society." Openly Gay state Representative, Ken Chevront, (D-Phoenix), countered that the bill, with the amendment would also apply to unmarried male and female couples. Cooley then questioned why Chevront would be interested in that.

Cooley wasn't through, after questions were raised by fellow Ways and Means Committee members, and the vote began on HB 2016, Cooley read a statement. "Lifelong marriage is better than homosexuality," Cooley said. "These laws were passed to prevent the undermining of marriage and protecting the future of society, the children." "When we dishonor these laws by attacking them," he continued, "we guarantee more victims, those from HIV, abortion and who appear on the Jerry Springer show."

"This is a great victory for Arizona taxpayers who are discriminated against by our archaic laws," state Representative Steve May said. "Many members did not realize that these archaic laws harm our citizens, cause them to pay more in taxes, and are used by some employers to deny benefits to their employees. The point of the Equity Act is to remove the barriers to equality that these laws create."

Kathie Gunmeric, executive director of the Arizona Human Rights Fund, the state's Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender rights group, expressed her pleasure after the vote, stating the group is looking forward to when this measure is approved and signed into law.

Testimony was also heard by the Ways and Means Committee on a bill, with a strike-everything amendment, offered by state Representative Steve May, requiring the Arizona's indigent health care system (AHCCS), to allow qualified HIV specialists, with at least 50 current treatment cases on HIV patients, to provide care to any HIV patient in a contracted health care plan. After hearing witnesses, four Republicans joined the Democrats in support of HB 2623, by an 8-0 vote, with two state Representatives voting present.

Dr. Kenneth Fisher, a Phoenix physician who deals with HIV/AIDS patients, testified the state's policy of referring indigent patients who have HIV/AIDS to a general practitioner, who may not have the expertise in treatment, is nothing but "red-lining," a business decision, but could be life or death for the patient. "Any physician licensed to treat HIV and is licensed through private insurance, should be licensed through AHCCS," he added.

Kirk Baxter, founder of Phoenix Body Positive, and HIV/AIDS group, testified that the bill is needed, since "the current system doesn't allow patients the best care and the best chance to survive."

During testimony, May said his amendment to the bill was introduced, because, "AHCCS was reluctant to speak with the Arizona AIDS Policy Alliance regarding this and reaching a solution." He said that the bill has already brought AHCCS and the health care plans to the table for discussions. Another amendment to a bill, which May introduced, dealing with HIV/AIDS care and private HMO's was held in the House Financial Institutions & Insurance, but May said it is still a victory.

"Nearly all the HMO's have met with me and have committed to altering their current business practices. They will begin reimbursing HMO specialists at a higher, more appropriate rate to ensure that HIV specialists can continue to serve the HIV positive community," May said. "I sponsored this legislation to get the attention of the health plans, which I have done," he added. "I have agreed to kill this legislation if the plans will agree to the solution I have proposed. I believe that we will be successful without legislation."

Meanwhile, one legislative bill, surprisingly revived, is looking for support ... again. SB 1225, the Arizona Employment Non Discrimination Act (ENDA), which would prohibit discrimination in employment based on sexual orientation and gender identity, is on hold, while the bill's sponsor shores up the votes needed for passage.

Senator Elaine Richardson (D-Tucson), the sponsor of Arizona ENDA, has had a battle getting SB 1225 through the legislative process. After initial approval by the Senate Commerce Committee, SB 1225 was held in the Senate Rules Committee, due to its chair, state Senator Darden Hamilton (R-Glendale), who said

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LIBRA

SEPTEMBER 24 - OCTOBER 23

What would life be like if your desk was clean and the job was done. Pretty boring, eh? Well don't worry, the planets almost guarantee that your day-to-day job won't be dull. Are you happy and fulfilled at work? Think about what you would love to do and set a personal goal to do it. By mid-March queer Libras will focus more on partnerships. Seek and ye shall find, lover.

SCORPIO

OCTOBER 24 - NOVEMBER 22

The fabulous February festivities continue for a little while in March. Put this jolly energy to the best use by pursuing more creative endeavors. Join a theater group or participate in the artistic process by buying some artwork. Whatever you decide, tie up the loose ends by mid-month. The planets are on to new tasks and so should you. Get back to work Gay Scorp!

SAGITTARIUS

NOVEMBER 23 - DECEMBER 22

Don't be a sullen pink Sag, tackle long standing home and family issues while the planetary energy is right. Queer Archers may need to deface the family mandate in order to breathe free and feel affirmed. So be it! You'll be so much happier that the urge to let loose and party may be overwhelming. Don an appropriate lampshade and dance the night away. Bring Mom along.

CAPRICORN

DECEMBER 23 - JANUARY 20

Your eloquent words touch others and move mountains. Set the agenda on fast forward and say what needs to be said by mid-month. After that, Gay Goats may prefer to cocoon in the warm coziness of their home. Share the bliss with a close pal or two. Who knows; you may even enlist them to help you redecorate or move the furniture around. Make your home your statement.

AQUARIUS

JANUARY 21 - FEBRUARY 19

Aquarians should be able to amass a nifty nest egg while first the Sun and then Mercury spread the bounty for you financially. (The trick is to buy low and sell high.) Happily, with careful planning and astute advice, you'll be on the road to retirement in no time. By mid-month, consider getting your opinions Out and about. Your words are your weapons. Sharpen 'em up.

PISCES

FEBRUARY 20 - MARCH 20

Happy birthday dear, queer Fish. The spotlight is on you until mid-March so meet and greet and demonstrate the meaning of the word fabulous. The tenor will change in late March when money matters and investment strategies require more attention. Good thing too; you certainly don't want to be a drone for the rest of your life. Plan on becoming royalty instead.

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DON'T DRINK & DRIVE !

March marches forth this week! We tend to think that March comes in like a lion and out like a lamb but don't you believe it cousin. I say that this month will come out loud, proud and queer. Make it happen as the Sun saunters into robust Aries on the 21st and Mercury traverses mystical Pisces on the 18th. Nuf said!

ARIES

MARCH 21 - APRIL 20

Early March brings a readjustment in your spiritual outlook but proud Rams are due for a reevaluation of their secret checklist as Mercury tips into Pisces. It is against your interest to hang onto outdated standards that cramp your happiness and affirmation. Reap your rewards mid-month when the Sun enters Aries and makes your dreams come true. (No names please.)

TAURUS

APRIL 21 - MAY 21

Gay Bulls are tempted to boss the course in friendships as the social director who commands the social scene. Have your wish until mid-month when thoughts turn to personal issues and your mission takes on a more humanitarian skew. It's time to get those lovely hooies galloping into a good Gay cause. Volunteer for one of our community organizations and don't look back.

GEMINI

MAY 22 - JUNE 21

Your career lands on the front burner in early March. Try not to burn your hands in the political stewpot. Your professional aspirations must be addressed before you can ever consider playful pastimes with pals. Good thing that Gay Twins are one of the most diplomatic signs in the zodiac. You are able to eat your corporate cake and share it with friends too. Or so you think.

CANCER

JUNE 22 - JULY 23

It's time to get out of your shell, dear, queer Crab and see the world while the planetary energy is right. Excitable Mercury conspires to put a little itchy powder in your travelling shoes. Scratch the itch before career imperatives come a'calling. Before you know it, you'll be swimming in that corporate shark tank. Don't get eaten...unless you like it that way.

LEO

JULY 24 - AUGUST 23

Proud Lions have all the luck in early March. The planets guarantee a fine, feisty time sexually. Enjoy the feast while it lasts, cousin; by mid-March you may be more involved in more global pursuits, legal issues or even travel to some international hot spot. Who knows; you may want to bring a travelling companion to share the heat. Let Mercury send you some possibilities.

VIRGO

AUGUST 24 - SEPTEMBER 23

Practical pink Virgins need to spend some good Gay quality time with partners. Assess your needs. Are they being fulfilled? If the answer is yes, you lucky thing, do what you can to spoil partners rotten. If the answer is no, see if it can be salvaged or whether it must be scrapped. By mid-March you'll be rarin' and ready for some seamy little sex-capade. Hopefully you won't have to go it alone.

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Tucson Interfaith HIV/AIDS Network

People living with HIV are invited to Poz Cafe, a complimentary lunch along with social and recreational activities on Thursday, March 15. Poz Cafe is located at St. Francis in the Foothills UMC (corner of Swan and River Roads). Doors open at 11:30 a.m., with lunch served at noon. Following lunch there will be several games of Bingo (with prizes!), other board and card games, or a chance to be creative with crafts, or just sit and chat with friends. Game, social and craft time will end at 2:30 p.m.

Volunteers from the St. Michael and All Angels Episcopal Church are hosting this month's lunch that will include: Chile con Carne or Vegetarian Chile, Corn Bread, Fresh Fruit Salad and Chocolate Chip Cookies. A selection of beverages, including iced tea and coffee will be available, and a hospitality table with punch and snacks. Like all TIHAN programs, it's Gay-friendly, free of charge, and no proselytizing or evangelizing is permitted. Each HIV+ person may have one adult guest accompany them if they so choose. (Each guest—partner, spouse, friend, volunteer—will be reminded of confidentiality concerns.)

This luncheon is fully sponsored, courtesy of generous support from the Arizona Gay Rodeo Association, St. Francis in the Foothills United Methodist Church, and other caring individuals and congregations of TIHAN. Reservations are requested and transportation can be provided with advance notice simply through one phone call to the TIHAN office. For more information about POZ Cafe, or to make your reservations or request transportation, call the TIHAN office at (520) 299-6647 by March 9.

The Poz Social, a new weekly program of the Tucson Interfaith HIV/AIDS Network (TIHAN), takes place again this Thursday, March 8. This new social program is for persons living with HIV/AIDS, and is an expansion of the highly popular Poz Cafe program. For the Poz Social, a variety of social/recreational activities are available, along with cookies, snacks, and punch. This week's activities you can choose include 1) movie of the week: "Hollow Man", 2) Art project: watercolor painting (all supplies provided—it's fun and easy), 3) Games (a variety to choose from), and 4) a rap group.

Poz Social is a new informal drop-in social event for HIV+ persons. It takes place at St. Francis in the Foothills United Methodist Church, 4625 East River Road, corner of Swan and River Roads in Tucson. This long-awaited, much-requested program is related to the Poz Cafe program. It's the Same as Poz Cafe in that it is in the same location, it is a safe place for HIV+ persons, it will be informal, fun, and a great way to meet other HIV+ persons. TIHAN is expecting a smaller, more intimate group; no reservations are needed—just drop in whenever you can between 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.; we don't have a formal transportation program, but we'll try to match you with another HIV+ person to give you a ride if requested; and, it's weekly instead of monthly!

The Poz Social planning team is also announcing a change to the program: HIV+ persons can now invite one guest of their choice (partner, friend, family, volunteer, etc) to join them. All guests must be respectful of confidentiality concerns participants have. For more information, call TIHAN at (520) 299-6647.

A View From The Rock

A Commentary From Cornerstone Fellowship

There seems to never be a shortage of horrific stories in the newspaper and TV news casts. Just recently I've learned of a mom committing terrible abuses to her baby, a submarine which came to the surface only to kill fourteen Japanese individuals, a tornado that left hundreds without houses, and thousands without electricity...and the list could go on indefinitely.

Why so much tragedy? Why do so many have such hardships to endure? Why must we all wade through the mire of loneliness, physical pain, financial hardship, mental illness, or whatever else may be a threat to your peace? The answer is sin. Ever since sin first entered the world and became a part of our make up (Adam and Eve) we, the human race has had to endure lives filled with sin. Each one of us will be put through difficult times or even ones of anguish. There is no escaping pain in our lives. It may come in varying doses but it is present just the same.

But here's the good news. Jesus Christ came to earth to "pay" for our sins and our sinful ways. God sent him from Heaven, he lived as a man, died...actually was brutally killed for having done nothing wrong himself (that was the payment for us), rose from the dead, and returned to Heaven. I know it sounds incredible or may be hard to believe. But Jesus' has promised us in the Bible that if we will believe in him and ask him into our lives then the payment counts. The bonus is a promise of spending eternity with him in Heaven. If we don't believe, if we don't choose him then our sins go unpaid. Unpaid sin keeps people from Heaven.

Now, lets take this just one step further. Because there is pain in the world each one of us will be affected by it. It doesn't matter whether or not we believe in Jesus, pain is pain and it is often times present.

However, if we do have Jesus as our Savior, he will give us a way to better endure the pain. This is a bonus too. Imagine being able to be calm when everyone around you is in a state of panic? Imagine trusting the Lord to give you guidance in a puzzling situation when others are pulling their hair saying they don't know what to do? Imagine that the worst thing you can imagine happening could happen to you but also that you had an inner peace that Jesus will not only see you through but strengthen you as you deal with that horrible situation?

All of this and so much more is available to everyone ... everyone who believes in Jesus that is.

If you find the trials and heartaches of this world to be too much or if your hope is beginning to wain, consider Jesus. Ask him to make himself more real to you, ask questions of your Christian friends, read the Bible, and ask him to come into your life to be your Savior. Your life will change. I can guarantee it. Oh you will still have the heartaches, physical pains, or money problems, but your perspective will change. Jesus is in the business of restoring hope.

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this article will not turn away in disbelief saying "Oh the writer is just one of those Jesus freaks." Rather I pray you will at least consider Jesus. After all, what else or who else do you have to turn to? Who else can give you hope?

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"Setting a Higher Standard"

This column originally appeared on HRC FamilyNet (www.hrc.org/family-net), the Human Rights Campaign's web address for Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgendered families."

Laugh It Off.

By Judy Gold

Being a parent, in and of itself, is quite a challenge. But being a Gay parent can be even more challenging. Yes, we go through the same things with our kids that everyone else goes through: the teething, the potty training, the boo-boos, the whining, the kissing and hugging and the unconditional love. But the questions and comments we get are another story. How many of you have heard this one:

"So, how'd you manage to get pregnant?" Proper response: "Not the old fashioned way!" "Who's Sarah's biological father?" Proper response: "I'll send you that information with my tax returns. And would you like my medical records and a list of all the medications I'm taking?" "Who's the real mother?" Proper response: "This week? I am. You see, the fake mother has been really busy at work, so I'm doing a lot of the day-to-day stuff. But I'm going to be busy next week, so she's going to be the real mother then. We can send you our schedules if you want to keep up."

My favorite question: My close friend, Mary, and her partner have a 4-year-old daughter, Emily, who was having a play date with almost 5-year-old Michael. Now, Michael's mom is known around day care as the one to say the most inappropriate things to people. (Oh, did I mention that Michael is brilliant and perfect in every way?) OK, so Emily and Michael are playing nicely, and Mary and Inappropriate are sitting together talking in the other room. (You see, that can be the most painful thing about play dates: having to make conversation with parents that you have absolutely nothing in common with.) So, they're chitchatting along, no doubt talking about how bright and special Michael is, when Inappropriate comes out with my favorite question: "So Mary, are you going to raise Emily as a Lesbian?" WHAT??? Are you mental? Are you going to raise Michael to be as obnoxious as you are? Are you going to raise Michael as an alcoholic like your annoying husband? Are you going to raise Michael to wear stirrup pants after they've gone way out of style?

Mary is from a proper WASP-y family, so she just laughed and blew it off. I, of course, yelled at her and said that she can never have a play date with them again. Inappropriate does serve a purpose. She makes us laugh, and we love to egg her on so she'll say more stupid things that we can talk about behind her back. You've just got to laugh it off. It's when the other kids do it that can make it painful.

The best comeback: My son, Henry, was sitting at morning meeting at his

day care, one of the cutest things you've ever seen, with his schoolmates when one of the kids says, "Henry's daddy died." Henry says, "No he didn't. I don't have a daddy. I have two moms." Henry knows exactly who he is, and he's a happy kid. He was frank and to the point. Of course, I want to go over to the other boy's house and rip his parents to shred. But on the other hand, I'm so proud that Henry is comfortable with his identity.

I guess stupidity starts at a young age, and we just have to teach our kids that people say the most ridiculous things no matter how old they are. The best comeback is a good one-liner that puts them in their place. Look, if we're going to have to endure bigotry, we might as well enjoy it.

Mistaken identity: Gay parenting can also cause rifts between partners. I remember a couple of days before Henry's bris, my partner and I walked over to the Judaica store to pick up some yarmulkes for the event. It was the first time they were outside since coming home from the hospital. Henry was six days old, and Sharon was exhausted recovering from a Caesarean section. I had Henry in the Baby Bjorn, that little pouch you wrap around you so the baby is sort of lying on your chest and belly. We walk in the store, we pick out some yarmulkes, and I stand in line to pay while Sharon looks around. After I'm finished paying, we start walking out when this little old lady and her friend look at Henry.

"Oh, my goodness," she says, "he's soooooo cute and tiny." "Thanks." "He's just adorable. Look at his hands! How old is he?" "Six days." "And he's outside already?" (Did I mention it was a Judaica store? Guilt everywhere.) "Yes." "Oh, he's so precious! And you, YOU LOOK FABULOUS!!!" What was I supposed to say? See that woman over there? Yes, the one who looks like she's about to drop dead? She's my partner. She actually gave birth. I'm Henry's other mom. I'm adopting him in a few months. We've been together 12 years - longer than most marriages last - but we can't file joint tax returns, only one of us can take him as a deduction and I have to bring his birth certificate with me whenever we travel anywhere together. No that's not what I said. I said, "Thanks!!!" We walked outside, and Sharon said in a very loud voice, "YOU @*#&^\$*#@#&\$^ @*#&\$-#^*#!!!" Then we just started to laugh and walked home.

[The following column about Gay and Lesbian parenting is written by Emmy award-winner, HBO host and Lesbian mom Judy Gold is available for publication in its entirety.]

Wow!! A PINK BOA & MATCHING PUMPS! THIS IS WONDERFUL! THANK YOU SO MUCH, LUCINDA!

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THE TROUBLE

POLITICS

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the bill was unconstitutional despite the Rules Committee staff of lawyers stating SB 1225 was unconstitutional. Richardson managed to get the 18 signatures of her fellow Senators to discharge the bill from the Rules Committee. SB 1225 went through the Senate Caucus and awaits to be heard by the Senate Committee of the Whole (COW). The bill had been scheduled twice for consideration, but was pulled to shore up support. Richardson said SB 1225 should be before Senate COW Monday, March 14.

In other legislative news, HB 2319, which would have expanded protections under the state's civil rights laws to include "sexual orientation" and "gender identity" in employment, public accommodations and voting, was taken up by the House Judiciary Committee Tuesday, March 6. HB 2319, and the language dealing with "sexual orientation" and "gender identity" was gutted and the bill was approved by the Judiciary Committee.

State Representative Mark Anderson's (R-Mesa) bill, HB 2403, which would prohibit cities, school districts and political entities from acting to "discriminate against, investigate, deny, or withdraw access to public property and public funds" to "compel" the Boy Scouts America to accept Gays, atheists, agnostics or anyone else inconsistent with the group's "policies, programs, morals or mission," seemed on the legislative fast track, approved by the House Human Services Committee, which is chaired by Anderson himself, on February 6, and got the nod of the House Rules Committee on February 21. When HB 2403 was before the House caucuses, Anderson's bill "hit the wall." The House Democrats expressed their opposition, as did 10 Republicans, including openly Gay state Representative Ed Poelstra (R-Tucson), who said he was looking forward to defeating the bill. Support for the bill has evaporated so quick, that HB 2403's supporters are desperately looking for votes, sources said. One of the bill's co-sponsors, state Representative Linda Gray, (R-Glendale), asked openly Gay state Representative Steve May to support the bill. HB 2403's future, according to sources, should be decided by the end of next week.

Scouts Press

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decision, about two dozen of the 1,400 United Way chapters across the county have severed funding relationships to the Scouts. And citing anti-bias policies, progressive churches and synagogues, corporate donors and municipalities have also broken off sponsorship ties to the group.

Mardi Gras

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still voice fury over such outward support of the Gay and Lesbian community, there is little doubt that the Mardi Gras has firmly established itself in mainstream Australian life.

Pre-tax earnings of Australia's Gay community are estimated to be about \$19 billion, and Sydney is thought to have more Gay people per capita than any other city in the world.

Big companies promote their products with ads in Gay publications featuring same-sex couples.

This year, Gay and Lesbian parenting rights is at the forefront of the Mardi Gras message, and sponsors, such as Ford Australia, have no problems being connected with such controversial issues.

"This is a minority group which, just like any other minority group, has a series of values," said Stephen Kruk, a Ford marketing manager who initiated the company's Mardi Gras sponsorship.

"It is not for us to pass judgment on those values. They are fighting for equality, and Ford as a company is totally committed to equality."

Gay Political Donors

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and Gay-friendly candidates); media mogul David Gelfen (number 140, with \$290,000 in donations); and financial writer Andrew Tobias, treasurer of the Democratic Party (number 283, with \$199,000 in contributions). Topping the entire list is Slimfast founder S. Daniel Abraham, who gave \$1,518,500 to Democrats during the election cycle.

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Groups / Clubs / Organizations

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The Green Thursday Theatre Project presents "Shakespeare's R&J" adapted by Joe Carlaco. The raw emotion, adolescent lust and psychotic violence at the heart of Shakespeare's play blaze brightly in Calarco's adaptation, in which four boys at a Catholic boarding school escape their highly regimented and repressed world by acting out the forbidden script of Romeo and Juliet. Consumed by the story, the characters and their own fiery emotions, the young men live the Bard's poetry, and discover themselves in the process. Playing Thursday thru Saturday (March 8-10, and 15-17 at 8:00 p.m. at the Temple of Music and Art Cabaret Theatre, 330 S. Scott. \$10 general admission with discounts for seniors, students and groups. Tickets available at the door. Call 795-4322 for reservations.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 7

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Join Jorge as he hosts Dinner Out at the Bistro Chartrause. For reservations and directions, please call Jorge at 869-7219.

Sign up for the best of Ballroom and Artie Stone's next set of dance classes held at the International Arts Center, 516 N. 5th Ave. (Across from Wingspan) Tonight is the first of four week lessons. 7:00 p.m. its Beginner / Intermediate Waltz and Swing. 8:00 p.m. it's Two Step. Cost is \$30.00 per person for 4-week session. Information 795-3902

THURSDAY, MARCH 8

1. Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Maurice hosts a night of poetry. Bring a favorite poem to share, bring your own work, or just come to listen to what others have. For reservations and directions, please call Maurice at 323-2293.

FRIDAY, MARCH 9

Opening the 6th annual Sex and Scholarship Symposium on the UofA campus, "Out At Work" video featuring Lesbians and Gay men on the job. This screening will be followed by a discussion with film makers Tami Gold, Kelly Anderson and Kipuka Kuali'i, President of Pride at Work (AFL-CIO). For more information call 621-1239.

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Join us for the latest showing of "Queer As Folk" at Jerry & Les' house. For reservations and directions, please call Jerry or Les at 690-9565.

SATURDAY, MARCH 10

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Pinchle is the game we're playing and you're invited. If you don't know how to play, but want to learn, we'll teach you. If you already know how, you'll fit right in. For reservations and directions, please call Bill at 297-3569.

SUNDAY, MARCH 11

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 9:00 a.m. Celebrate springtime with a trip to Picacho Peak to look at the wildflowers. Please bring water and a snack with you as we walk about to see all the beautiful desert flora. For reservations and directions, please call Gary or Ira at 743-1730.

Green Thursday Theatre Project will add a tenth performance of their current production of Shakespeare's R&J at 7:00 p.m. at the Temple of Music and Art Cabaret Theatre, 330 S. Scott. The suggested donation for this performance is \$10 and all proceeds will go to support Youth Programs at Wingspan. For more information about the play see above 'Now Playing'. For tickets call (520)795-4322.

MONDAY MARCH 12

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.

Sign up for the best of Ballroom and Artie Stone's next set of dance classes held at the International Arts Center, 516 N. 5th Ave. (Across from Wingspan) Tonight is the first of five week lessons. 7:00 p.m. its advanced waltz and Cha Cha. 8:00 p.m. it's Intermediate Rumba and Fox Trot. Cost is \$37.50 per person for 5-week session. For more info or to sign up call Artie at 795-3902.

TUESDAY, MARCH 13

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Join Jim as he hosts Bridge Night. Beginners and seasoned players are welcomed. For reservations and directions, please call Jim at 885-5408 (work) or 790-7735 (home).

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 14

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Just before the Oscars, we'll give you a chance to watch a multi-Oscar nominee: "Erin Brockovich". The film stars Julia Roberts as a woman trying to get the goods on a power company that poisoned a town. For directions and reservations, please call Bill at 546-7539.

THURSDAY, MARCH 15

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 1:00 p.m. Take a trip to Sierra Vista for some good Mexican food. Doug and Richard host a Lunch Out at La Casita-the best Mexican place in town. For directions and reservations, please call Richard or Doug at 520-803-0715.

FRIDAY, MARCH 16

1. Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Join us for our monthly Pizza Party held at Jerry & Les' home. It's a chance to meet 60-75 new faces. Simply bring \$5.00 and join in for a fun evening of food and good conversation. Salad and dessert are also served. Vegetarian pizza offered as well. For reservations and directions, please call Jerry or Les at 690-9565. Please note: reservations should be made by Thursday, March 15 at noon so we can order the proper number of pizzas (but we do order a

BAR CALENDAR

OF UPCOMING EVENTS

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 7

IBT'S - 9:00 p.m. "The Girlie Show" hosted by Lucinda Holiday and featuring Mr. Kenneth Blake and Naorni Knight with special guests.

SUNDAY, MARCH 11

IBT'S -- 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 weeks proceeds go to the Gay Men's Health Project. Then at 9:00 p.m. the annual "Gender Bender" for GMHP hosted by Scott Brady and slaming Lucinda Holiday with Ima Heaux, Britney Fears, Lily Loversly, Jackie Oh-No, Teona Marie, Meia Norma, Shemone Smora. Another great GMHP "Gender Bender Show".

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - "Designing Women" a benefit show to assist Tori Steele, Miss Gay Arizona USofA 2001, in her quest for the Miss Gay USofA title in Dallas, Texas in May. The show stars Tori with Diana Flair, Jasmine Bouvier, Citabra, Lauri Standards and special guests. 9:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 14

IBT'S - 9:00 p.m. "The Girlie Show" hosted by Lucinda Holiday starring Mr. Kenneth Blake, Aja Asimone and special guests.

SATURDAY, MARCH 17

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - St. Patrick's Day Party. Happy Hour 3:00 to 7:00 p.m. \$1.00 Green Draughts all day and all night! Free Corned Beef and Cabbage 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. DJ Hill 8:30 to close.

IBT'S - St. Patrick's Day Party. More Later.

WOODY'S - It'll be the 'wearin' of the green' here today. Something special is being planned.

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couple of extra pizzas just in case this isn't read until the day of the event).

2. This is the deadline for purchasing an advance ticket to the Norman Rockwell Exhibit showing in Phoenix. We'll take a day trip up to see it on Thursday, March 29. If you'd like to join us, please call Bill at 546-7539.

SATURDAY, MARCH 17

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 10:00 a.m. Bill invites you to join him as he hosts the annual trek to Casa Grande for some shopping at the outlet stores. After lunch and some power shopping, we'll head over to his folks' home for a St. Patrick's Day dessert. For details and reservations, please call Bill at 546-7539.

Desert Voices 12th Season presents a two night celebration "Voices & Visions: Heart & Soul" - a Celebration of America's R&B music. Tonight the Voices will be joined by special guest recording artist CeCe Peniston, singing "Finally" her latest smash, "Lifetime to Love" and more! One night only 8:00 p.m. at Berger Performing Arts Center, 1200 W. Speedway (West parking lot). Tickets are \$10 for students, \$12 in advance and \$15 at the door. (VIP tickets \$50). Tickets are available at Antigone Books, Hear's Music, Rainbow Planet Coffee House, Tucson Trunk, Zip's University, or call the Chorus hotline 791-9662.

SUNDAY, MARCH 18

1. Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 a.m. Gene and Rich host a birding expedition to Arivaca Cienega for a broad spectrum of birds. For more information, please contact Gene at 625-8109.

2. Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 9:00 a.m. Curt will guide us on a hike at Douglas Springs Trail. The trailhead begins near the eastern end of Speedway, just before it curves into the Tanque Verde Guest Ranch. For information and directions, please call Curt at 722-1842.

Daily Bar Calendar

NOTE: Bar owners or managers are responsible for keeping this standard listing up to date. Check with the bartender to be sure the specials listed are actually available.

Sunday

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 community organizations 4:30-7pm. Karaoke with Billy Dee on the patio 4:30-7:30. Hi energy dancing 9pm to close. All drink specials not available during special events.

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. Dart tournament 2pm. Happy Hour 3-7pm. Pick-up Volleyball games and B-B-Q 5-9pm. \$2.50 sirloin burger or chicken. Karaoke with Billy Dee 9pm to close.

YARD DOG - Open Sundays 10am - 1am. Bloody marys or Screwdrivers \$1.75 from 10am - 1pm. 50¢ off any Rum 1pm-7pm.

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 6am. Dart Tourney 6pm, 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.

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

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. Te's & Tattoo Nite, wear an IBT's T-shirt or IBT tattoo 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 6am. Patio open 5pm.

WOODY'S - Open Noon. Happy Hour 3-7pm. 7pm Dart Tournament with Doc. Pot matched. Trivia Party 8pm-closing. Top score on NTN per game wins special prizes. Sky's the limit \$2.25.

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

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 6am. Patio opens at 5pm.

WOODY'S - Open Noon. Happy Hour 3-7pm. Pick-up Volleyball games start 7pm. Chili Feed with all the trimmings. 5-9pm \$2.50. Patio bar open.

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

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 (part check available) Male Box Night hosted by GMHP 9:00pm, meet new friends. Hi energy dancing 9-close. All drink specials not available during special events.

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

WOODY'S - Open Noon. Happy Hour 3-7pm. Trivia Thursday 8pm-closing plus 50¢ off all Big Ass drinks. Top score on NTN per game wins special prizes. Volleyball Court is Open. See bartender. Patio Bar Open.

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

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 6am. Snacks served at 5pm. Patio open 5pm. Hides Leather Store opens 8pm.

WOODY'S - Open Noon. Happy Hour 3-7pm. Martini Party - Well! Martini's \$2.00 all day. Call Martini's \$3 from 4pm to close. Volleyball Court is Open. See bartender. Patio Bar Open.

YARD DOG - Open daily 6am. 50¢ off any Gin until 7pm.

Saturday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Open at 2pm. Pool Tournament 6:30pm \$3 entry. Pot matched. \$2 pitchers for pool players. Dance music w/DJ Hill 9-close. Drink specials every 1/2 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 6am. Patio Bar open at 3pm. Patio Beer Bust with 50¢ drafts, \$1.50 pitchers. Hides Leather opens at 8pm.

WOODY'S - Open Noon. Happy Hour 3-7pm. Pool Tourney 2pm. Patio Bar & Volleyball Court is Open. See bartender. Steak Fry 5-9pm Filet Mignon, vegetables, salad, potato & roll \$4.50.

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

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SOUTHERN ARIZONA AIDS FOUNDATION (SAAF), 375 S. EUCLID. Office Hours 9am 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. 624-SAAF (7223). World wide web: <http://www.saaaf.org>. VOLUNTEERS WELCOME.

LESBIAN SUPPORT GROUP. Involving discussion, support and activities. Designed to support each other. Meets 1st & 3rd 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

PFLAG - 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.

TUCSON GLBT AL-ANON GROUP meets Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. at Wingspan, 300 E. 6th Street. Call 624-1779 for more information.

YOUNG AND GAY?

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

The **TUCSON Chapter of PRIME TIMERS WORLDWIDE** invites Gay or Bisexual men and their admirers to join and share Prime Timers fellowship. We welcome mature men (and admirers) who wish to become involved with planned and future Prime Timers activities. Meetings luncheons and dinners are held monthly. For dates, times and information call 529-9344, 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 861-1764 - 8 am - 5 pm Mon. - Fri.

AIDS HOTLINE - 326-AIDS. Hours M-F, 9:00 am to 10:00 pm. Information, counseling, HIV-related services, Tucson.

LUTHERANS CONCERNED - Tucson chapter for Gay/Lesbian Lutherans meets 4th Sunday, 8:30 p.m. each month at Santa Cruz Lutheran Church, 8809 S. Cardinal Ave. For information visit www.lctucson.org write LC, 7014 E. Golf Links Road, PMB 212, Tucson, AZ 85730.

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 517-3100 for more info.

TGNArizona: The central source for news and information for, by and about the TG, TG, and Gender-variant communities of Arizona. Website URL: <http://www.tgnarizona.org> - e-mail address: slgoodrum@uswest.net or:

GAY OR BI-SEXUAL MEN in relationships with women. Need friends you can talk to? Weekly support group meets Wednesdays 8:30 - 9:00 pm. Licensed psychologist facilitator. Call 745-6977 in Tucson for more information. Strictly confidential.

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

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. For more information call the church at 299-9063 and ask for a contact person.

HIKE & BIKE DYKES. Meets 2nd Monday at 7pm. Call 327-7239 for info.

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

SOURCES UNLIMITED, a Lesbian & Gay referral service. Business and individual listings are free of charge. All information available to anyone just simply by asking. 322-6655. 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 85852.

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

BEARS OF THE OLD PUEBLO - a social club for bears and bigger, more robust men (and of course, those who prefer their company). For more info, Call the Bears Hotline (520)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.

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

CARE TEAMS ARE AVAILABLE to offer support to people living with HIV/AIDS. The Tucson Interfaith HIV/AIDS Network offers trained, compassionate and committed volunteers to provide services including friendly visits, light housekeeping, assistance with meals, shopping, errands, transportation and companionship for medical appointments, and respite care for primary care givers. No judgement or proselytizing - we are here to be of service. For information call Scott at 299-6647.

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

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

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 815-6436 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.

LEARN TO BE A LISTENING FRIEND Unique Hospital Volunteer Program teaches listening skills to Volunteers who provide a safe/compassionate environment to at-risk patients. Training every 6 weeks. 894-7053.

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, 8523 N. 14th St., #112, Phoenix, AZ 85014 or call 602-779-4805.

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.azda.net/d4>

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

AAPSP - ARIZONA ASSOCIATION OF PUBLIC SAFETY PROFESSIONALS - a confidential organization committed to providing support and networking for all Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual public safety professionals in Arizona. Membership open to Law Enforcement Officers, Firefighters, Probation, Parole and Corrections Officers and civilians working within these agencies. Website: www.aapsp.org or e-mail: AAPSP@aol.com or call Dave (520)745-9059 (Tucson) or Kim (602)534-8219 (Phoenix)

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

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

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

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 888-5341

LESBIAN AND GAY AL-ANON - Affected by someone's drinking? Meeting every Tuesday 8:45 to 9:45 p.m. at Lambda Center, 2940 E. Thomas, Phoenix. Ellie 581-8850 or Ronn 968-2384.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE GROUP - Outreach to Gay and Lesbian people in Arizona. Meets monthly. Write to P.O. Box 863, Phoenix, AZ 85001 or call Eddy Walters, (602)371-1102

CRONIES SOCIAL GROUP. A Social group for Gay men who enjoy the fellowship of their peers. Call Leo at 624-8768.

LIGHTNING LIGHTING will provide lighting for AIDS and related benefits at no charge. For more info call Adrienne at 889-7299.

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GAY & LESBIAN SPIRITUALITY GROUP of St. Phillip's in the Hills Episcopal Church meets first and third Mondays. Call David, 323-7843 for more information.

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

DESERT VOICES, Tucson's Gay & Lesbian Chorus rehearses Monday evenings from 8:30 to 9:30pm at Armory Park Senior Center, 220 S. 6th Ave. Call 791-9662.

Join the **LESBIAN & GAY PUBLIC AWARENESS PROJECT**. In Tucson write Awareness Project, 3681 N. Campbell Ave. #365, Tucson, AZ 85719.

AA Meeting with HIV/AIDS focus, Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m., MCC Church, 3269 N. Mountain. All alcoholics welcome.

MEN'S SOCIAL NETWORK: Social organization for men of all ages. Building an extended Gay family in Tucson. Monthly social potluck gatherings the first Saturday of each month and almost weekly social activities. Call Jerry at 690-9585 for information and a newsletter. Check the Non-Bar Calendar in the Observer.

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. Gerontimo (near 1st Ave. and Laguna). Open to All. Call Liz at 325-9466 or Ray at 749-5247.

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

LESBIAN/GAY/BI-SEXUAL OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS. Saturdays 1 to 2pm new location Wingspan, 300 E. 6th St. Contacts 325-6678 or 327-4293.

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

GRACE GROUP - CATHOLIC GAY/LESBIAN SUPPORT GROUP meets every 2nd and 4th Monday at 7:30 p.m. in the Madonna Hall at Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Church, 1438 N. Campbell across from University Hospital. For more info. Call Ernie Slaight 791-2003.

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 (evaitan@bcnetwork.com)

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

OUTLOUD! Tucson's premiere Local Lesbian and Gay Radio Show, broadcast every Wednesday at 8:03 pm on 91.3 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 3rd Saturday night of each month. If you'd like to meet women 35+ (flexible) and socialize in a smoke-free environment 888-8010 before 10:00 p.m. The group dines out and attends shows or movies. Now in their 16th year! (2nd in Tucson).

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

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EMPLOYMENT

POSITION OPEN FOR PROG. Director for Wingspan Domestic Violence Project. A Program addressing relationship violence in the Lesbian/Gay/Bisexual/Transgender community. Send resume and salary requirements to: WDV, 300 E. 6th St., Tucson, AZ 85705. No phone calls please. To view complete job description and qualifications visit www.azstatemet.com/~wdvp

Positions Available At SAAF

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

Case Manager: Exp. social worker to provide comprehensive case mgmt. to people with HIV/AIDS. Req. exp. in provision of direct case mgmt services and substance abuse programs. MSW pref. plus 2-4 yrs. exp. in human services. Salary up to \$24,500, excellent benefits.

Clinical Case Manager: Exp. social worker 20 hours/wk to provide intensive case mgmt. to people with HIV/AIDS and substance abuse/mental illness. Req. clinical exp. in provision of direct services to people with substance abuse/SMI. MSW pref. plus 2-4 yrs. exp. in human services. Salary up to \$15,000.

Housing Developer: Expd. motivated self-starter to develop housing for people with HIV. Exp. in low-income housing preferred. Familiar with HUD, HOME, and other funding programs desirable. Communication, grant-writing skills essential. Salary up to \$35,000, excellent benefits.

Director of Programs: Exp. manager to oversee HIV/AIDS client, prevention, and housing programs. Req. supervisory, administration, program design, and grantwriting exp. in grant-funded social services; exp. with HIV/AIDS, case management, prevention, public policy, housing; masters degree. Salary up to \$48,000, excellent benefits.

To apply, pick up job description and application instructions, Mon-Fri, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., at 375 S. Euclid Ave., or call (520) 628-7223, or see www.saaaf.org. Open until filled. AA/EOE.

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