

## Gender Bender II Huge Success



TUCSON - Shown above are Anne Maley, Executive Director of the Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation (SAAF) with Scottasia Dahunk, co-hostess at the Gender Bender Benefit for Gay Men's Health Project (GMHP) held last Sunday at IBT's. Oh yes, in case you didn't recognize him, Scottasia is really GMHP Coordinator, Scott Davey. More photos on page Nine.

By Scott A. Davey

TUCSON - Gay Men's Health Project held its second annual "Gender Bender" show Sunday March 11, at IBT's, raising \$1,500.00 for the Condom Brigade.

The show is a spoof on traditional drag performances, with bears keeping all their hair, yet donning wigs, fabulous glitzy outfits and going under the mascara to

emerge furry, fierce, and ready to entertain.

Hosted by Lucinda Holliday and Scottasia Dahunk (GMHP's Coordinator Scott A. Davey), with performances by Britney Fears (Michael White), Lily Lovelily (Richard Zelens), Jackie Oh No (Jack Durham), Teena Marie (Rick Lucas), Mela Noma "A Little Ray of Sunshine" (Brad Bivvins), Shemone Smore (Jimmie Harris), Cub Ettes (Ruben Grace, Anthony Hernandez, & Justin Smith) and Venetia Blynde (Charles Stern).

Ida Claire (Patrick Crosswhite), GMHP's Outreach Specialist, also donned a fabulous outfit and worked the room during the performance handing out condom packets and spreading the word about GMHP.

Very special thanks go out to all the above named performers, Stella Virgin, Faith Michaels and Janee Starr for doing all the make-up, and to Lucinda Holliday and Bunny Fu Fu for loaning all the clothes, wigs and accessories to help the bears look their best.

Special thanks go out to Dave Huff and Frank Shepis for giving us the space for the show and for donating \$150.00 to the Condom Brigade, and to the bartenders from Venture-N who also donated \$100.00 and challenged the IBT's bartenders and the audience to match the donation. A special thanks also goes to Scott's hubby John K. Yarno for all his help and support in helping make the show a reality.

The show was success due to all the above named people and the incredible crowd at IBT's who, with their thunderous applause, hoots and hollers, and deep pockets, helped make the night the success it was. Without all of you, Condom Brigade would be very hard to maintain. I couldn't do it without all of you, the fabulous Tucson Community.

## AIDS Vaccine Shows Promise

WASHINGTON, DC (NP) - A "one-two punch" of vaccinations appears to have scored a virtual knockout on the AIDS virus in monkeys. But will it work on people?

Researchers reported that an AIDS vaccine kept monkeys healthy for months after infection with an HIV-like virus, and scientists plan to begin testing early next year whether the same approach works with people.

Scientists called the results encouraging but cautioned that they did not know whether a similar vaccine would work in humans and that further study would take years. A vaccine is considered the best hope for stopping the AIDS epidemic, and several possible vaccines are in testing. But research has been slow with many failures. The new animal findings provide "some of

the best evidence to date that a preventive HIV vaccine may protect against AIDS," said Dr. Anthony Fauci, director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID), which funded the research conducted with Emory University.

The vaccine did not prevent infection, but it did keep the virus in check at nearly undetectable levels for several months, according to research published in the journal Science.

The hope is that such a vaccine could keep people healthy for years without the need for expensive and side effect-laden drugs and reduce chances of transmitting the virus to others.

In the study, scientists injected 24

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## AZ House Rejects Protecting Organizations That Discriminate

By Mark R. Kerr

PHOENIX (ON) - Arizona's House of Representatives voted March 8 to reject a bill that would have prohibited government entities in the state from cutting of public funding and access to facilities to organizations that discriminate.

HB 2403 - the Scout Protection Act, state Representative Mark Anderson's, R-Mesa, measure to prohibit cities, school districts and other political entities from acting to "discriminate against, investigate or deny or withdraw access to public property" for the Boy Scouts of America. HB 2403 would further prohibit the use of public funds to "compel" the Scouts to accept Gays, atheists, and agnostics, or anyone else inconsistent with the group's "policies, programs, morals or mission."

The measure targeted the City of Tucson, which had passed a measure last year cutting off city funding to all non profit organizations that don't uphold the city's 24-year old anti-discrimination ordinance, which prohibits discrimination in housing, employment, and public accommodations based on race, creed, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin, and religion. Tucson's government is reviewing the city funding given to all non-profit organizations and asking these groups whether they will abide by the city's anti-discrimination ordinance. A report on this to the Mayor and Council is expected in late March. Anderson's bill also goes after the Tucson Sunnyside School District, which recently approved a measure ending the Boy Scouts' free use of Sunnyside facilities because of the organization's policy against participation by Gays.

Despite editorials in newspapers, such as the Arizona Daily Star and the Tucson Citizen condemning the bill -- and the admission by Anderson that organizations like the Nazi's and the Ku Klux Klan could actually receive city funding -- HB 2403 was narrowly approved by a vote of 5-4 by the House Human Services Committee, which is chaired none other by Anderson himself, on February 6. With the approval of the House Rules Committee, HB 2403 seemed to be on the legislative fast track, but later, House Democrats expressed their opposition, as did 10 Republicans, including openly Gay state Representative Ed Poelstra, R-Tucson. Support for the bill has evaporated so quickly that HB 2403's backers were desperately looking for votes, even asking the openly Gay state Representative Steve May, R-Paradise Valley to vote for the bill, and getting the bill pulled from the House Committee of the Whole calendar twice.

HB 2403 was finally taken up by the House Committee of the Whole, Thurs-

day, March 8. Proponents of the bill tried to compare what Tucson had done to the news story where the City of New York had sued a museum over funding on a public art exhibit which included a work with a likeness of Jesus covered in elephant dung. Opponents argued that such decisions are better left to local government and that meddling by the state would create bigger problems. Several representatives addressed the Boy Scout issue head on, arguing that a private organization that discriminates should not benefit from public funds or facilities.

During the debate, legislators received an E-mail from former state Representative Barbara Blewster, R-Dewey, who when in office, Blewster said publicly that homosexuality leads to bestiality and cannibalism.

"Homosexuals are not a true minority: They are not economically deprived, they are more likely to hold advanced degrees and are more likely to hold professional or managerial positions." Blewster begins her E-mail. "They have political power, including political action committees."

"True minority groups share immutable, non behavioral characteristics

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## Gays Invited To Participate In St. Patrick's Day Parade

TUCSON - Come march and show you Pride at the 14<sup>th</sup> 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 14<sup>th</sup> 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 you are interested in marching in the parade, call TLGA, (520) 622-3200, and leave your name and phone number. TLGA will contact you with information regarding meeting time and place.

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## TLGA Update

The Tucson Lesbian & Gay Alliance (TLGA) is excited to have been asked by Arizona Central Pride to pick a representative from the GLBT community in Tucson as our regional Grand Marshall in Phoenix's Pride Parade, April 21. TLGA is asking for community input regarding this prestigious title. If you or your organization would like to submit an individual for consideration, please write a brief description about what makes this person your choice for Regional Grand Marshall and mail submissions to: TLGA, POB 40301, Tucson, AZ 85717. Deadline is Friday, March 16. ...

TLGA also announced the logo contest for OUToberFEST 2001, "OUT in the Desert." All entries must incorporate the following information, OUToberFEST 2001, "OUT in the Desert," TLGA or Tucson Lesbian & Gay Alliance, October 13<sup>th</sup>, 2001. Entries can be as many colors as the artist creates. Please keep in mind the artwork will be used for various items and the color poster. Mail entries to TLGA, POB 40301, Tucson, AZ 85717. Deadline is Friday, March 23. All artwork becomes the property of TLGA, and the winning entry receives \$100.

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For more information, call the OUTline at (520) 622-3200.

## TIHAN: Make A Difference

TUCSON - The Tucson Interfaith HIV/AIDS Network (TIHAN) is looking for people to make a difference.

TIHAN provides orientation and training for volunteers interested in helping people living with HIV and AIDS. There are many opportunities to serve and you don't have to be an "expert." Orientation sessions about TIHAN and volunteer opportunities will be held at St. Cyril Catholic Church, 4725 East Pima, on the following dates, Monday, March 19, 7:00 to 8:30 p.m., Tuesday, March 20, 10:30 a.m. to noon and Tuesday, March 27, 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.

Persons interested in volunteering can then sign up to attend a one-day volunteer training session Saturday, March 31, 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., at St. Francis United Methodist Church, 4625 East River Road. For more information or to sign up, call the TIHAN office, (520) 299-6647.

## Domestic Violence Forum April 19

TUCSON - In recognition of Sexual Assault Awareness month (April), the Wingspan Domestic Violence Project (WDVP) in collaboration with the Southern Arizona

Center Against Sexual Assault (SACASA) will present: "Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence: Making the Connection for Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgender Women and their Significant Others, Friends, Family, Allies, and Advocates," Thursday April 19, 7:00 p.m., at Wingspan Community Center, 300 E. 6th St.

The group will We will watch the video "My Girlfriend Did It." This video defines the dynamics of LBT women's abusive relationships and examines the impact of oppression when addressing women-to-women battering and sexual assault. This documentary profoundly illustrates the need for community education and support for battered and raped LBT women.

In addition to watching the video, the group will learn about the domestic violence and sexual assault laws in Arizona and how they apply to the LBT communities. Find out how to be supportive friend, loved one, or advocate for a victim of sexual assault or domestic violence. Finally, find out what services the WDVP and SACASA offer to the LBT communities. A free reception will follow.

The forum is open to community members of all genders and sexual orientations, as well as domestic violence and sexual assault service providers. There will be an information table, so other agencies or organizations may bring their literature to share with others. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer, please contact Cathy (520) 690.4447/ tucson-cath@aol.com.

A similar forum for GBT men and their significant others, friends, family, allies, and advocates is being planned for October (Domestic Violence Awareness month). If you'd like to help plan this forum, please attend the April 19 forum and sign up.

## Jell-O Wrestling May 6

TUCSON - The Fourteenth Annual Reno Gannon Memorial Jell-O Wrestling Extravaganza returns to Tucson on Sunday, May 6, from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m., and there are a few slots left for those who want to sign up to slip and slide in the Jell-O to raise funds for the services of the Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation (SAAF).

The event, taking place at Woody's, 3710 N. Oracle, features community members who have raised pledges to go head to head in a pit full of Jell-O. It's fun

and it's easy. And you'll be in the capable hands of the Mistresses of Ceremonies, Auctioneers and Fund-Raisers extraordinaire, Gilda Fatalé and Lucinda Holiday

While the Jell-O wrestling draws the crowd, there will also be 75 items donated from local community merchants which will be raffled or auctioned off. This will include a Grand Raffle package, a vacation-get-away-for two, the destination of which will be unveiled next week. These raffle tickets will be available for sale for \$1.00 starting March 19 at IBT's, Woody's and the SAAF offices.

To sign up and get a wrestler packet, call Lindsey at SAAF, (520) 628-7223.

## Do The Right Thing Don't Spend Your G/L Dollars Here!

Although Paramount repeatedly stated that the show would return from its production "hiatus" after 2-3 weeks, "Dr. Laura" has now entered its fifth week of non-production. GLAAD visited the Canoga Park set on March 13, to find all parking lots surrounding Laura's taping studio empty, although the Paramount production trailer is still parked behind the building. Also, industry insiders tell GLAAD that several "Dr. Laura" production and writing staff members have taken new jobs in the past two weeks.

In fact, while talking about "Survivor" on her opening radio monologue March 13, Laura indicated for the first time that her television career may be nearing its end: "Well, never having watched or read anything about the first ("Survivor") or the first 18, because most of television stinks, and I personally don't want to be part of it much longer -- and that's going to work out fine."

Even with the cancellation buzz flying and until Paramount announces otherwise, in Tucson, where Laura Schlesinger's bigotry and hatred still spews at 3:00 p.m., a total of 122 businesses have stopped advertising on the "Dr." Laura television program.

Call the list of businesses who have ads run during the past week, and tell them to pull their ads from the program or you will spend your dollars elsewhere, at their competition! If the businesses state they have ROS ads, and have no control on when the run, remind them that the Tucson Sidewinders had ROS ads that ran, and they got them pulled.

The calls are working, especially this past week when KGUN was running an ad for a monster truck rally at the TCC and the LPGA Tournament multiple times during a show, averaging more than five times per show.

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Former Democratic Vice President Al Gore lost the state of Florida and the electoral votes he needed to win the November 2000 election because of poorly designed butterfly ballots used in Palm Beach County, according to a newspaper report.

Gore would have netted 6,607 votes in Palm Beach County, more than 10 times the number he needed to overtake then Texas Governor George W. Bush's (R) 537-vote lead in the state, had the ballot been properly designed. More than 19,000 overvotes — ballots on which more than one vote was recorded for a presidential candidate, were examined. In the chaos that followed the count and the recount in Florida, thousands of state voters complained they were confused by the ballot's configuration. The butterfly ballot was faulted because the candidates' names appeared on both sides of the punchcard with holes in the middle. Voters expected the holes to select Bush and Gore to be the first and second choices as required by Florida law, but instead found Buchanan, on a facing page, located between them.

According to the newspaper's review, 5,330 ballots were thrown out because voters punched chads for Gore and Reform Party candidate Pat Buchanan, whose name appeared just above Gore's. Another 2,908 voters punched Gore's name and Socialist David McReynolds, the candidate whose name appeared just below Gore's. Bush lost 1,631 votes because people selected both Bush and Buchanan. Buchanan's name appeared just below Bush's on the ballot. ...

Speculation had arisen on whether the only openly Gay Republican member of the U.S. House of Representatives would try to become the next governor of his state.

U.S. Representative Jim Kolbe, R-Tucson, in February said he was exploring the possibility of a bid for the Republican nomination of Governor in 2002, stated last week that he won't be a candidate for governor, because it would take away from his new assignment in the U.S. House of Representatives, chair of the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Foreign Operations. ...

On Thursday, March 8, the Arizona House of Representatives voted 32-22 to reject HB 2403, legislation that would have prohibited government entities in the state from cutting of public funding and access to facilities to organizations that discriminate.

HB 2403, was the response by conservative lawmakers, led by the bill's sponsor, state Representative Mark Anderson, (R-Mesa), to the city of Tucson's policy, prohibiting city funds to non-profit organizations that won't uphold Tucson's 24-year-old anti discrimination ordinance, and the Sunnyside School District's, located also in Tucson, recent change in policy, charging the Boy Scouts a fee to use their facilities, when they had received them for free prior. Both policies were implemented, as the result of the U.S. Supreme Court ruling in Dale v. Boy Scouts of America, that upheld the right of Boy Scouts to prohibit openly Gay people from being troop leaders, or as scouts.

In other legislative news: SB 1225, the Arizona Employment Non Discrimina-

tion Act, which would prohibit discrimination in employment because of "sexual orientation" and "gender identity" is scheduled to be considered by the Senate Committee of the Whole, Wednesday, March 14. HB 2016, the bill that would repeal Arizona's archaic laws, dealing with sodomy and cohabitation, went before House Caucus Tuesday, March 13 and is on the House Committee of the Whole's schedule for Wednesday, March 14.

Openly Gay Tempe Mayor, Neil Giuliano will face a recall election September 11. The Maricopa County Recorder's Office certified Wednesday, March 7, that opponents of Giuliano submitted enough valid signatures to prompt a September 11 election. City officials said they will not try to block a recall election, which must be called by April 5, and will cost more than \$100,000, according to city officials.

The recall drive sprang up immediately following Tempe's recent attempt to distance itself from organizations that violate its values of non-discrimination. In the wake of last year's U.S. Supreme Court decision narrowly upholding the Boy Scouts of America's right to discriminate against Gay staffers and members, the city had considered modifying the way it conducts its local United Way campaign so that city workers could use the government-coordinated giving program only as a vehicle for donations to organizations that do not discriminate. Public outcry over the proposal prevented the change, and Giu-

liano's office was flooded with anti-Gay e-mails and phone calls, including death threats. The effort to remove the mayor was launched at the height of this controversy.

Recall leader A.J. LaFaro has claimed not to be targeting Giuliano's orientation, citing several additional issues as a pretext for the movement. LaFaro's claims are questionable, since the issues he cited had been addressed in earlier campaigns, and there is no effort underway to remove the non-Gay members of the City Council, despite the fact that they and Giuliano shared the same positions on the other issues.

In March 2000, the voters of Tempe overwhelmingly re-elected Giuliano to a fourth term, casting 70 percent of their ballots in his favor. Giuliano said if there is an election, he will run on his record, for which he's received supportive editorials from several local daily newspapers. A fund raiser for Giuliano, being held by the Arizona Human Rights Fund (AHRF), the statewide Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender rights group, will take place Wednesday, March 14 in Tempe.

Contributions to the campaign to defend Giuliano in the recall election should be made payable to "Neighbors for Neil," 2074 E Balboa Drive, Tempe, AZ 85282. For more information, e-mail stoptherecall@hotmail.com. ...

The Tucson chapter of AHRF is holding a membership drive Wednesday, March 21, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., at the Tucson Botanical Gardens, 2150 North Alvernon Way. Tucson Councilmember Fred Ronstadt and the Community Foundation for Southern Arizona/Alliance Fund are this year's honorees. For more information about this event, call (520) 297-4780 or (602) 650-0900.

# POLITICS 2001

by Mark R. Kerr

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## 'Queer As Folk' Renewed By Showtime

NEW YORK, NY (NP) - The groundbreaking cable series is out and proud, and it's not going anywhere for awhile.

Cable television channel Showtime announced the renewal of the American version of the series Queer As Folk for at least another 20 episodes.

Showtime said the show is their highest rated original series running in primetime and is attracting a strong viewership in the lucrative 18-24 age group.

The show, set in Pittsburgh (but largely filmed in Toronto), follows the lives of a group of Gay friends as they deal with love, sex, work and family. Based on the wildly popular British series of the same name, Queer As Folk launched on American television with considerable fanfare and publicity last fall.

In a press release, Jeff Offsay,

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Showtime's president, said, "Queer As Folk has been a tremendous success for our network, both in terms of critical acclaim and support from our subscribers. It clearly has people talking and has generated quite a buzz in both Gay and mainstream outlets."

Not all the buzz, however, has been positive. The Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation praises the show for its "cultural groundbreaking" and says the producers "ultimately present a view of who LGBT people are that is frank and honest but falls short of fair and inclusive." The show's focus on sexual promiscuity and drug use, and little or no depiction of people of color—Gay or straight—in the city of Pittsburgh are just a few of the criticisms leveled at the show. Nevertheless, the show has been nominated for Best Drama Series in this year's GLAAD Media Awards.

Queer As Folk will continue to air debut episodes on Sunday nights with reruns on Tuesday evenings.

## Bomb Found On Campus After Gay Student Gets Threats

EWING, NJ (WS) - A bomb was found on the campus of the College of New Jersey just hours after a member of the school's Gay student union was targeted with two threatening notes.

The explosive device was found in a grassy area near a parking lot by a groundskeeper. The homemade device was about eight inches long and "obviously explosive," said college spokeswoman Susan Long. The bomb was removed by state police. "It really is shocking, but, unfortunately, with what's happening in society today, it's not shocking enough," said Long. "It's a shame."

The device was found after two threatening notes directed at a member of the Gay student union were found in a

college building. One note listed the student's name and said, "I will find you," and included drawings of swastikas and a triangle. The second note was posted on the message board of the student's dorm room with the word "die" and a swastika on the note.

## School Shooter Taunted As 'Gay'

SANTEE, CA (NP) - Anti Gay ridiculing may have played a role in the Santana High School shooting last week.

The taunts of fellow students who called him Gay mentally tormented the 15-year-old boy who opened fire on school-mates in a San Diego suburb this week, say friends.

In an interview on NBC's "Today" show, Mary Nelder and her daughter, the former girlfriend of accused gunman Charles Andrew Williams, described Williams as an unusual but popular and caring young man, who was miserable in his new home.

Nelder said that since Williams moved from his Maryland hometown to California, he had sent her e-mail describing taunting from fellow students at Santana High School. "They were teasing him, calling him 'country boy.' He didn't dress right; he didn't look right. He was skinny. They called him Gay," she said.

Williams's story is not unusual, according to the Gay, Lesbian and Straight Education Network (GLSEN). The organization reports that anti-Gay harassment has been a factor in many of the school shooting incidents in the past few years. Referring to a study of U.S. middle and high school students commissioned by the American Association of University Women (AAUW), a GLSEN report concluded, "For boys, no other type of harassment provoked as strong a reaction on average; boys in this study would be less upset about physical abuse than they would be if someone called them Gay."

Williams allegedly fired off more than 30 rounds in the school on March 5, killing two and injuring 13 others.

## Statement On News Reports That Santana High School Gunman Was Targeted With Anti-Gay Epithets

By Kevin Jennings

As America searches for answers in the wake of another school shooting, a sad but clear trend emerges. The gunmen in at least five of the major school shootings — those from Moses Lake, WA; Pearl, MS; West Paducah, KY; Littleton, CO; and now Santee, CA — were reported to have been targets of anti Gay harassment.

We are troubled, but not surprised by news reports that Andy Williams was targeted with anti Gay epithets. After all, these are the insults of choice on school campuses from coast to coast. While we do not know whether anti Gay teasing was a motivating factor here, studies do show that among boys no other type of harassment, including actual physical abuse, provokes as strong a reaction as being called "Gay" at school. The alienating and well-documented effects of anti Gay harassment take a toll — regardless of the target's sexual orientation.

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# White House Denies Conservative Liaison Pick

WASHINGTON, DC - The White House moved quickly this week to dismiss reports that President Bush had selected a 22-year-old Gay man who once opposed same-sex marriage as 'special rights' to be his liaison to the Gay community, the Southern Voice reported.

Tom Beddingfield, who played a role in organizing Gay support for a California ballot initiative last year that banned same-sex unions in the state, moved into the Old Executive Office Building to advise the Bush administration on Gay issues, according to a report posted Monday on the Web site of Silicon Valley/San Jose Business Journal.

The Republican activist and campaign consultant described himself as "right of Log Cabin Republicans," a Washington, D.C.-based Gay GOP group, according to the business journal.

But White House officials, and top Gay Republicans with close ties to President Bush, flatly denied reports that Beddingfield had been hired.

Bush administration officials knew about the report concerning Beddingfield, but said he has not been hired by the White House in any capacity, according to Scott McClellan, White House deputy press secretary.

Gay Republicans with close ties to President Bush also dismissed the media report.

"There is no truth" to reports that Beddingfield was hired as Bush's Gay liaison, said Charles Francis, chair of the newly formed Republican Unity Council, an alliance of Gay and straight Republicans.

Francis, a Gay public relations executive from Washington whose brother, James Francis, raised money for Bush, helped arrange a meeting between Bush and a dozen Gay Republicans in Austin, Texas, last April. Afterward, Bush declared, "I welcome Gay Americans into my campaign."

Beddingfield could not be reached for comment by press time. Relatives contacted in San Jose also would not comment.

A White House official said that President Bush will appoint an advisor on Gay issues, but the position would be one of five intended to perform outreach to several minority groups, including Gay men and Lesbians.

Carl Schmidt, a Gay GOP member who was one of the so-called Austin 12 that met with Bush last year, said he spoke with McClellan and was told senior officials "had never heard of" Beddingfield.

Despite the report, Schmidt said he's optimistic the Bush White House will include Gay employees.

"I think that there will be Gay appointees and hires," he said.

The report in the Silicon Valley/San Jose Business Journal sparked quick, and intense, criticism of Bush by Gay Democrats and some Gay Republicans concerned that the White House Gay liaison opposed same-sex unions and equated Gay civil rights with "special rights."

"The mere rumor that Bush has appointed an openly Gay man with virulently right-wing philosophies to the position of the Gay and Lesbian liaison raises great alarm in the community," said Mi-

chael Colby, executive director of Stonewall Democrats.

According to the journal story, Beddingfield's first task was to smooth over the nomination of Attorney General John Ashcroft, who earlier issued a statement about his views on Gays through Log Cabin.

Kevin Ivers, a spokesperson for Log Cabin, refused to comment about the press report or Beddingfield.

Articles in Oasis, an online magazine targeted at Gay youth and produced in San Jose, portrayed Beddingfield as more enigmatic and cast doubts about his back-

ground and experience.

Beddingfield said in a February 1998 interview with Oasis Editor Jeff Walsh that the suicide of his boyfriend, brought on by incidents of Gay bashing, pushed him "to become a Republican. ... Because of him, I became a Titanic scholar."

In a December 1998 article, Beddingfield claims to fill a number of questionable roles, including that of a Titanic historian who served as a consultant on a spoof of the Titanic saga by the creators of "Naked Gun."

The article also describes Bedding-

field as a guest on several TV comedy and late-night shows, a speaker at a vigil for slain college student Matthew Shepard and a friend of former Clinton intern Monica Lewinsky.

In California last year, Beddingfield led the group "Gays for 22," which collected petition signatures in favor of Proposition 22, an initiative that banned Gay marriage after capturing 61 percent of the vote.

Reporter Timothy Roberts, who wrote the story for the business journal, stood behind his report on Beddingfield, despite denials from the White House that he had been hired.

## Hillary Won't March In New York St. Pat's Parade

NEW YORK, NY (NP) - Hillary Clinton dodged the controversy that would have surrounded her participation in an event that excludes Gays by claiming she had a previous obligation.

Contradicting reports of earlier this week, Sen. Hillary Clinton, D-N.Y., said that she would not be marching in New York City's St. Patrick's Day parade.

according to the Associated Press. Sen. Clinton claimed she had previously committed to appear in a parade in Syracuse. But she did not say whether the New York parade organizers' longstanding and controversial exclusion of the Irish Gay and Lesbian Organization (IGLO) contributed to her decision.

IGLO has been fighting since

1990 to be able to march under its own banner in the parade. But parade organizers won a court battle over their right to continue banning the group.

Last year, then-Senate candidate Clinton marched in the Manhattan parade, drawing fire from GLBT organizations.

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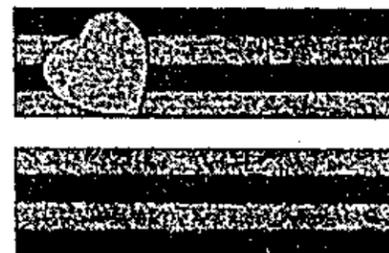
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**Eminem's Music**

I have been listening to the growing furor over Eminem and his homophobic, misogynistic lyrics, and now, the controversy over his duet with openly Gay singer Elton John. I for one am not buying the hype. I think Marshall Mathers is using his music to spew his own rage and insecurities through the medium of rap music. We have enough hatred aimed at us by homophobes like Dr. Laura, whose hate-filled vitriol has caused an uproar, locally and nationally, and now we are getting it from rap stars, too.

Unfortunately, under the First Amendment of the constitution, we cannot make him sing only the kind of songs that we would like to hear. Homophobia is an element in American society. Eminem is just riding a wave, trying to act tough and it's all posturing, and he is as phony as a lot of other pop stars who will do anything they can to sell millions of albums. What we need to do is promote openly Gay stars who are willing to stand up for Gay causes. It's ironic that George Michael, formerly of "Wham" fame in the 1980's, only came out as Gay after his arrest for sex in a public bathroom.

If Elton John is willing to sell out and perform with Eminem on stage, then shame on him. It was not a healing gesture, as some people seem to think it was. It was an attempt by Eminem to silence the controversy over his hateful lyrics. A pathetic one, at that. Just because he sang a song with a Gay pop icon on stage at an awards ceremony does not mean that he is going to advocate Gay rights any time soon, or even change his hate-filled lyrics.

If you don't like him, don't buy his albums. However, we need to promote Gay friendly performers, and focus on positive matters, such as promoting Gay rights. The more we protest Eminem, sad to say, the more people are going to buy his albums. Controversy and negative press just make an artist more visible. Some of them deliberately do controversial things, because it keeps them in the spotlight.

On the other hand, there are other musicians who have always been Gay-friendly, like Madonna, Cyndi Lauper, and others. We can support such artists instead, and promote an attitude of genuine tolerance and end homophobia through empowerment, community action, and prominent visibility.

There are still musicians who are publicly ambivalent about their sexuality. If they are willing to come out and be open about being Gay or Lesbian, it could only

serve to help our cause. If we support them in their public disclosure of their sexuality, that can only help them also.

My advice about Eminem? Ignore him. He isn't going to change because we protest him. Nor is his recording label likely to drop him anytime soon, just because of our protests. He is making too much money for them. That's always been the bottom line for the music industry - big money. They don't care about human rights. We heard a lot less about the Lifetime show for Breast Cancer called Girls with Guitars where many talented performers came together for a genuine cause than we did about the Grammys and who wore what outfit. Sad, but true.

Such is life in America in the 21st century. Will the real Gay friendly performers please stand up and be counted? We are ready, willing, and able to support you.

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**EDITOR:**  
My partner and I visited Tucson from February 10-16, to attend a conference and we took that opportunity to turn the trip into a little vacation as well. We searched the internet to find out what there was to do and see while there and landed on The Weekly Observer web site. That's where we learned about the Reville Gay Men's Chorus and their First Annual Valentine Dance, "The Red Affair," which happened to be on the day we arrived and also on my partner's birthday.

I called Bill Harrison of Tucson's RGMC from our home in Fort Lauderdale to arrange for tickets. He mailed them to us even before he received our check, that is something that probably wouldn't happen in Florida! And it was a precursor to discovering that Tucson, Gay and straight alike, is one of the friendliest and most hospitable cities in America.

"The Red Affair" was great fun, pure and simple. The combination of specially prepared food, great music and wonderful people virtually assured the success of this well planned event.

A large number of people came up to us to introduce themselves and to welcome us. And, by a unique coincidence, my partner held the winning ticket in a drawing for a gift certificate to Antigone Books, what a great birthday kinds of thing to happen!

Then, at the end of the evening, Jerry Maitatos, an RGMC member, offered us a ride back to our hotel rather than our having to get a cab. He also gave us a tour around the area even though the hour was later. Everyone we met was warm and welcoming. Every place we went and everything we did was enjoyable.

Thank you, one and all, for such a memorable experience. Your actions speak for you and Tucson, eloquently! And congratulations to the RGMC for such a fun event! Your organizations truly deserves the community's support, it's a "win, win" experience for everyone!

Joe Childers & Howard Boozer  
Fort Lauderdale, FL

**EDITOR:**  
Love the site!  
As a Tucson Native, (I now live in San Francisco) I love keeping up with the community in my home town.

Great work, and Kudos to your web designer

Diana Brown  
San Francisco, CA

**DEAR READER:**  
I'm asking for your personal and immediate help on a Congressional bill that directly affects my life.

I have lived with my partner, a German citizen, for the past eight years. When his work visa expired in February 2000, he had to leave the U.S. As you can imagine, this forced separation has caused us both a great deal of emotional pain and financial hardship. Our situation is not unlike that affecting thousands of other same gender binational couples around the country (described online at: <http://home.pacbell.net/donoharm/advocate.htm>)

Among heterosexual binational couples, U.S. citizens can marry their foreign partners and then apply to the Immigration & Naturalization Service (INS) for immigration permission (a "green card") for their partner. Because same sex marriage is not yet legal, this option is closed to me and Bernd and thousands of others.

To remedy this, on February 14, 2001, N.Y. Congressman Jerrold Nadler, who describes current U.S. policy of forced separation of binational same sex couples as "gratuitously cruel," introduced a bill (HR 690 - Permanent Partners Immigration Act) to allow Gay and Lesbian citizens to sponsor their foreign partners for U.S. immigration. If this bill passes, more than 60,000 people could benefit by petitioning for their partners.

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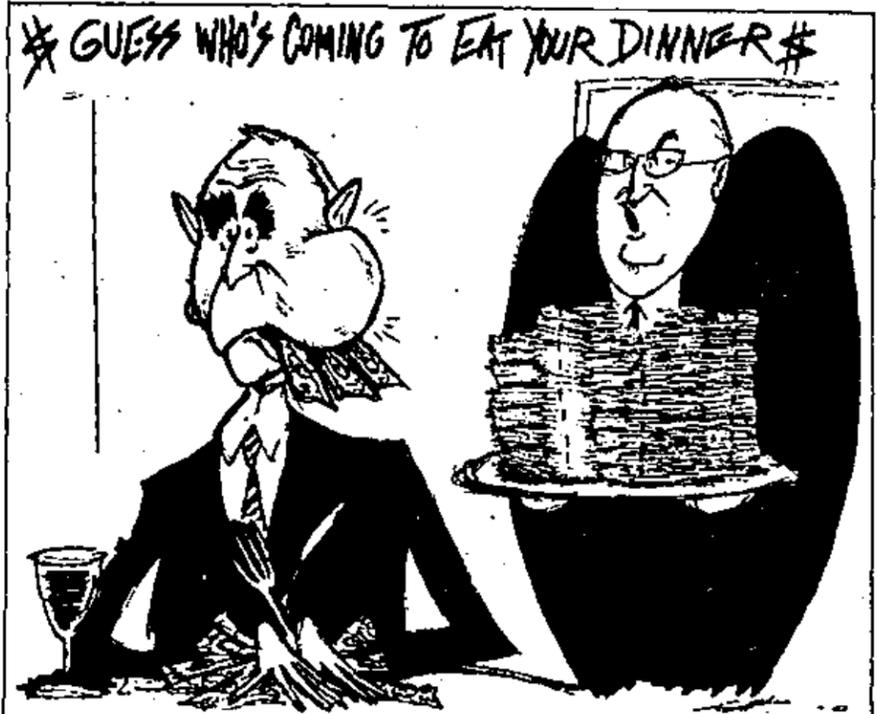
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**LONGSHOTS** by Thomas Long

**'So What?'**

My grandmother, Minnie, lived to be ninety seven years old and except for a side-lining stroke in the last year, she lived her entire life as a productive, proud woman who raised a family through hard times, living the last 30-some years of her life alone. She was probably one of the most unhappy people I have ever known: I think I can recall her smiling four or five times. She was never mean, just never seeming fulfilled. Because of her influence, I spent the first sixteen years of my life going to church everyday, either because of the catholic grade school I attended, or her devotion to Mass.

I remember Minnie now because a correspondent recently asked me about my philosophy on life. When I thought about what that philosophy was, I thought of Minnie, who would always respond to a question or problem with "so what?" As in, I'm scared to go swimming by myself. So What? She would say as she pushed me into the pond. As in, I don't want to learn to hunt. So What? She would say as she placed a rifle in my young arms. As in, I don't feel like I belong. So What? She would say as she spoke to me about growing up with parents who spoke no English, living through a depression and witnessing the advent of cars, computers and telephone - all within her lifetime. Her stories would make me feel small and insignificant, but So What? Everyone as it hard.

I believed all of that for much of my adult life until a few years ago when I began to replace the So What? philosophy with a new perspective. My own personal outlook began to evolve into a What If? Instead of remaining complacent, I have turned to questioning everything that happens.

What I have discovered is there are two major schools of thought regarding our lives: either you believe that life happens to you, and you have no control over the outcome; or you believe that life happens because of you, and you have absolute control over what happens. I've chosen the latter road, because it affords me more responsibility - I can no longer pass off my mistakes to predestination because I believe that everything that happens is a reaction to my participation in life. The bad things, or those things that I view as bad, happen because I need to learn something from the experience.

My philosophy has been taxed over the years. Relationships have ended, friends have died, people have moved emotionally and physically away from me. There have been times, too many to count, when I have had trouble finding the message in the event. The human side cannot always see how the spiritual sides grows from the experience, and pain remains painful no matter how enlightened we try to become. What can I possibly learn from growing up in an era in which an entire generation has been affected by disease? Or how can I move on when I still hold true to the idea of true love, when that love ends?

I am not saying I have all the answers; I remain unsure of all the questions. But what I am confident in, is that I am an active participant in my own life. And the best that I can do is remain true to that vision. These can be harsh times, as Minnie's were, but for entirely different reasons. But they can also be wondrous times, and we make that choice.

So that is my philosophy: that even when the reason for pain or success is

not entirely clear, we must take accountability for creating them in our lives. I get tired of trying to figure everything out, but when that happens I hear Minnie in my mind. So What? And I guess after all she was right - sometimes when everything is said and done, life is always a longshot.

**GLAAD Alert!**

Columnist Needs New Material: In response to the city of Scottsdale, Ariz., considering adding sexual orientation to its Human Resources Code, Mark Steele, a community columnist for The Arizona Republic, voices objections that range from the trite to the outright defamatory. In the Feb. 28 edition, Steele's "Domestic-partner plan wrong" outlines how the change in the Human Resources Code will open the door for city employees to have domestic-partner benefits.

Steele's piece is a collection of derivative catch phrases, starting with his describing sexual orientation as a "choice in behavior, lifestyle and immorality." From there he treads the well-worn rhetoric path with talk of "traditional family," "one man and one woman," "further erode traditional family values" and "destructive behaviors." Of course, Steele doesn't forget the obligatory lumping of Lesbians and Gay men in with bestiality, pedophilia, necrophilia and sadomasochism. While writing of San Francisco's decision to add sex-change benefits to its health plan, "transgender pervert" is his label of choice.

Although The Arizona Republic does add the disclaimer "The views expressed are those of the author" at the end of the column, one would think the editors would want to present opinion pieces that are intriguing, insightful or at the least, fresh. Steele's column is none of these. It is simply an exercise in name-calling and distortion.

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**Statement**

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We are deeply disturbed that media and schools have not examined this variable. If all of these gunmen had been fans of, say, the same violent video game or of a certain music group, we know that administrators, lawmakers and reporters would be asking questions. But here, there is only silence. We challenge media and education officials to question what if any role anti Gay harassment has played in the cycle of school shootings, and to address the prevalence of anti Gay harassment as part of our ongoing national discussion on student safety and school violence.

[Kevin Jennings is the executive director of the Gay, Lesbian and Straight Educators Network.]

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### AZ House Rejects

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such as race, ethnicity, disability, or national origin. Homosexuals are the only group to claim minority status based on behavior," Blewster's E-mail goes on. "There is no reliable scientific evidence which shows that homosexual behavior is biological in origin. Thousands of people have exited the homosexual lifestyle, showing that that lifestyle is not immutable."

"Should it be harder for an employer to fire a homosexual than anyone else? How is an employer supposed to deal with incompetent homosexual employees without being hauled into court?" Blewster continues, for which state Representative Steve May, sent an E-mail back to her, stating, "that 2016 is not about employment discrimination. So your comments don't apply to that anyway."

After the sometimes heated debate, the House voted 32-22 to reject HB 2403.

"The members recognized that this bill was bad public policy," state Representative Steve May said after the floor vote.

"We were edified by the fact legislators saw the basic unfairness of a private organization getting special rights for public accommodations," said Ron Passarelli of the Arizona Human Rights Fund, the statewide Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender rights group.

"It's reassuring to see the Arizona Legislature uphold the spirit of local authority, Mike Pollack, Co-Chair of the City of Tucson GLBT Commission said after getting word of the defeat of the bill and the upholding of the Commission's proposal and the Tucson Mayor and Council vote to enact the policy.

Is this a positive change or a shift in control?

According to Gay state Representative Ken Chevron, D-Phoenix, the House Minority Leader, "A progressive majority of Arizona legislators presently control the legislative process in Arizona. These enlightened individuals did not want to pass a bill that hurt local political entities from discouraging groups that have discriminatory policies."

Les Munsil, President of the Center for Arizona Policy, a right-wing, conservative political group, disagrees. In an E-mail sent out to "supporters," Munsil said "House members chose to advance the homosexual agenda instead of protecting children from sexual abuse."

In other legislative news, the House Committee of the Whole will take up a bill repealing the state's archaic laws

Unlike previous efforts, HB 2016 takes a different approach. The bill has 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. The House Ways and Means Committee approved HB 2016, by a 7-3 margin, March 6, and the bill was sent to the House Rules Committee, chaired by anti Gay state Representative, Karen Johnson, R-Mesa. Proponents wasted no time in getting enough signatures from House members to discharge the bill from the Rules Committee and move it on to the House Committee of the Whole.

Arizona's Employment Non Discrimination Act, SB 1225, which would prohibit employment discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity, is on the Senate Committee of the Whole calendar, for Wednesday, March 14.

### Hillary

"I marched last year and was proud to march last year," Clinton said. "I wish that there were sort of a central clearing house for scheduling St. Patrick's Day parades. There isn't. So I'm going to be going upstate after I spend time down here supporting those who are going to be marching."

Earlier this week, GLBT Irish groups marched in a Gay-inclusive parade in Queens to help kick off two weeks of celebration leading up to St. Patrick's Day.

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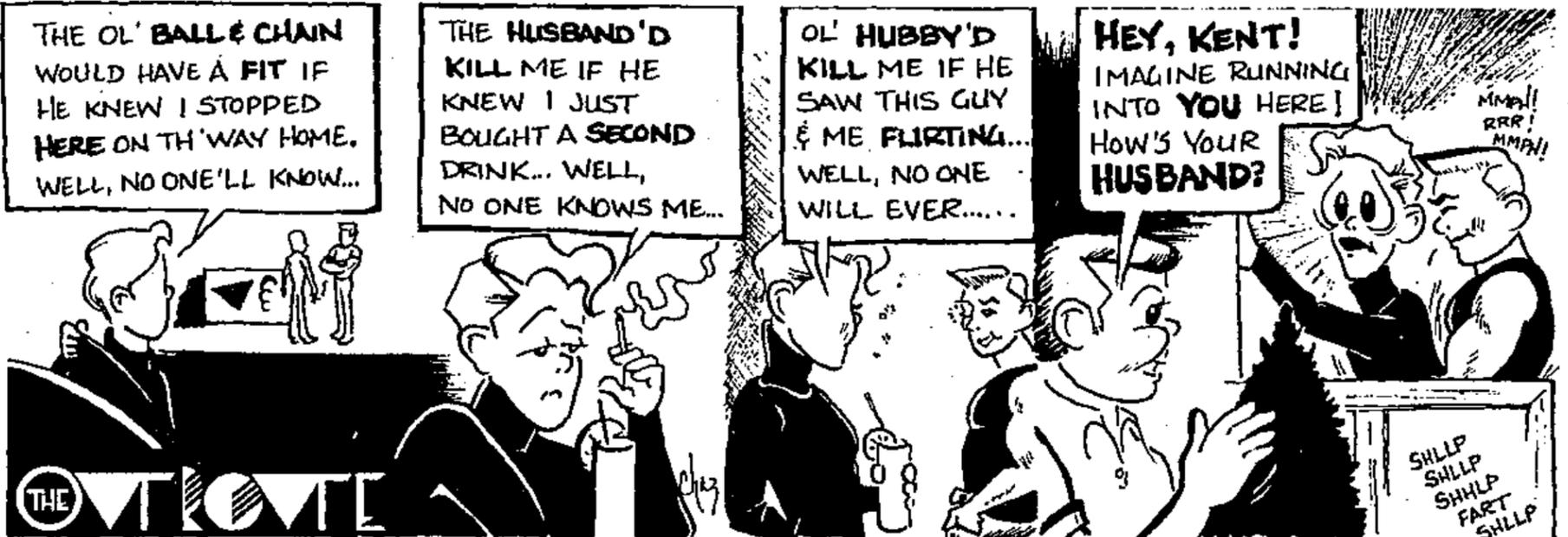
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**AIDS Vaccine**

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monkeys with two vaccines each. The first vaccine carried virus genes on a circular piece of DNA to alert the body's defenses and prepare them to attack. A second booster shot, based on a virus used in a small-pox vaccine, was given weeks later to mimic viral infection and prompt an immune response.

"It's like a one-two punch ... that gives a better immune response than either by itself," said Dr. Bernard Moss, chief of the NIAID's Laboratory of Viral Diseases.

Seven months later, the animals were infected with a high dose of a virus called SHIV, which contains components of HIV and a related monkey virus.

During 20 weeks of monitoring, the virus was suppressed to nearly undetectable levels in 23 of 24 vaccinated monkeys, and the animals showed no disease symptoms. The other monkey had higher virus levels, but they still were more than 100 times lower than those in four unvaccinated monkeys that got sick, the researchers said.

"It's incredibly effective," said Dr. Harriet Robinson, chief of microbiology and infectious diseases at the Yerkes Primate Center in Atlanta.

"It's encouraging, but we don't know whether we can translate this information directly from monkey models to protection" in people, Moss added.

The team plans to begin testing in humans early in 2001, looking first at whether a similar vaccine produces an immune response just as strong in people. "To learn whether it can actually protect against development of AIDS would take many more years," Moss said.

The study was promising, though, because the researchers waited seven months to expose the monkeys to the virus, "showing immunological memory for a long period of time," Moss said. Many previous studies infected monkeys much earlier after vaccination, leaving questions about whether they provided long-term protection. A study published in Science in October 2000 showed that a different AIDS vaccine also suppressed virus levels in monkeys and kept them from developing disease symptoms.

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letter to your U.S. Senator urging him/her to introduce a companion bill in the Senate. To find out who your Congressperson and Senator are, call (202) 224-3121, or log on to <http://www.house.gov/writerep/> and

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Key points to mention when contacting your Representative include:

a. Thirteen nations allow their Gay/Lesbian citizens to sponsor their foreign partners for immigration (Canada, Great Britain, South Africa, Australia, France, Netherlands, Norway, Denmark, New Zealand, Belgium, Finland, Iceland, and Sweden). There's no reason for the U.S. to lag behind in recognizing basic human rights for its Gay citizens.

b. Alan Greenspan officially supports increased immigration as a key to keeping our economy booming. He favors increasing "the H1B cap", the number of work permits that allow foreigners to work here for a specific time. Because many partners of Gays are here on this type of permit, allowing them to come in under the Permanent Partners Immigration Act would free up additional H1B work permits.

c. The INS purports to promote family unity. It is important that the agency include families of Gay and Lesbian U.S. citizens, giving them the same rights in immigration matters as heterosexual families enjoy.

To track this bill's progress, or to see the wording, log on to <http://thomas.loc.gov/> and type "HR 690" into the "search by bill number" space at the top.

Thank you for taking the time to respond to this extremely important request, and thank you for your support.

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# Non-Bar Calendar

Groups / Clubs / Organizations

## NOW PLAYING

The Green Thursday Theatre Project presents "Shakespeare's R&J" adapted by Joe Cartaco. 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 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 14

Tucson Prime Timers, 1:00PM, luncheon at Olive Garden, 300 W. Wetmore at Oracle. Call 529-9344 for details.

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. Sated 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 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

Tucson Prime Timers, 9:00AM breakfast at Micha's 2908 S. 4th Avenue. Call 529-9344 for details.

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 12<sup>th</sup> 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 Arvaca 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.

Desert Voices continue their celebration of America's R&B music with another performance at Berger Performing Arts Center, 1200 W. Speedway Blvd. (West parking lot). Today's performance at 2:00 p.m. will feature singers/dancers from Savoy Entertainment International. See Saturday for ticket information. Chorus hotline 791-9662.

## MONDAY, MARCH 19

Tucson Prime Timers, 1:00PM luncheon at ElGreco Restaurant, 4635 E. Fl Lowell. Call 529-9344 for details.

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.

## WEDNESDAY, MARCH 21

Tucson Prime Timers, 6:30PM dinner at Da Vinci's Restaurant, 3535 E Fl. Lowell. Call 529-9344 for details.

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 "Bedrooms & Hallways"-a

# BAR CALENDAR

## OF UPCOMING EVENTS

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 14

IBT'S - 9:00 p.m. The Grief Show hosted by Lucinda Holliday starring Mr. Kenneth Blake, Ajia Simone and special guests.

### FRI-SAT-SUN, MARCH 16-17-18

VENTURE-N - The annual Hides of March celebration takes place here at Tucson's only Men's Bar! The Southwest's hottest men's celebration. Drink Specials all weekend. Dart Tourney tonight with warm-up at 7:00 p.m.

### 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 featuring Roger's Corned Beef and Cabbage from 5:30 to 7:30. Party favors and drink specials. \$1.00 off any green mixed drink (excludes any other special, minimum \$2.50 drink).

VENTURE-N - Hides of March celebration continues here with a big "Torn and Tattered Party". It's the Southwest's hottest men's celebration at Tucson's Only Men's Bar! Drink specials all weekend.

WOODY'S - It'll be the 'wearin' of the green' here today. Featuring Tazz's Corned Beef 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Door Prizes and drink specials all day.

### SUNDAY, MARCH 18

IBT'S - Party line-up includes Jeff's Bloody Mary and St. Patrick's Day 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 Revelle Gay Men's Chorus. Then at 9:00 p.m. a special fund raising show for Samantha White, candidate for Miss Gay Tucson America. Joining Samantha will be Mr. Kenneth Blake, Bunny FuFu, Stella Virgin, and Janee Starr.

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 21

IBT'S - The Grief Show hosted by Lucinda Holliday and featuring Mr. Kenneth Blake, Ajia Simone and special guests.

### FRI-SAT-SUN, MARCH 23-24-25

IBT'S - Unofficial Gay and Lesbian Headquarters for the 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue Spring Fair. Three great shows. Saturday 3:00 p.m. (\$2 Cover); Sunday, 3:00 p.m. (\$2.00 Cover) and 9:00 p.m. (No Cover). Always a big weekend. Plan ahead.

# 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 - 9am-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 3pm. Happy Hour 3-7pm. Patio Bar open 5:30-close. Pick-up Volleyball games 5-7. \$2.50 sirloin burger or chicken 5:30-9:30pm. 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 - 9am-4pm, \$2.00 domestic beer and well. Happy Hour \$1.75 well and domestic beer 4-7pm. 7-9pm \$1.50 well and domestic. Small pitchers Bud/Bud Light \$1.50 from 9pm to close. DJ Rayman plays house music 9pm to close. All drink specials not available during special events.

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

WOODY'S - Open Noon. Happy Hour 3-7pm. Karaoke w/Billy Dee 9pm to close. Special drink prices 8pm to close for American Airlines - American Express - ADL 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 - 9am-4pm, \$2.00 domestic beer & well. Happy Hour \$1.75 well & domestic beer 4-9pm. Tee'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-close. Top score on NTN per game wins special prizes. Skyy'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 - 9am to 4pm, \$2.00 domestic beer & well. Happy Hour \$1.75 well & domestic beer 4-7pm. \$1.50 well & domestic 4-9pm 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 7pm-Midnight.

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 - 9am-4pm \$2.00 domestic beer and well. Happy Hour \$1.75 Well & domestic 4-9. \$1.50 well and domestic 7-9pm. 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-close 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 7pm to midnight.

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 - 9am-4pm \$2.00 domestic beer and well. \$1.75 well & domestic beer 4-9. Live Jazz on the patio with the Susan & Tracey 6-9pm. Patio Bar 5-1pm. 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 Martinis \$3 from 4pm to close. Volleyball Court is Open. Patio Bar Open 7pm - midnight.

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 - 9am-4pm \$2.00 domestic beer and well. Happy Hour \$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 open 5:30 - close. 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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### THURSDAY, MARCH 22

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 1:00 p.m. Join Jerry and Les for a Lunch Out at one of Tucson's best kept secrets: La Piandola. This Mexican restaurant is a real find, and gives new twists to some traditional foods. For directions and reservations, please call Jerry or Les at 690-9565.

### FRIDAY, MARCH 23

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 8:00 p.m. Join the men of MSN as we go out to support our brother in Revelle for their latest concert: "Classically Revelle". For more information, or tickets, please call Bill at 577-3481.

### SATURDAY, MARCH 24

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Pinocchio 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 297-3559.

### SUNDAY, MARCH 25

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 6:00 p.m. The Oscars bring us tacky gowns, long speeches, horrifying songs and dances, and fake glamour! What's not to like? Join Les and Jerry for their annual Oscar Party. Ballots, prizes, and much more! For reservations and directions, please call Jerry or Les at 690-9565.

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**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 575-8680 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. 6<sup>th</sup> 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 881-1794 - 8 am - 5 pm Mon. - Fri.

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

**LUTHERANS CONCERNED** - Tucson chapter for Gay/Lesbian Lutherans meets 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday, 8:30 p.m. each month at Santa Cruz Lutheran Church, 6809 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, 3289 N. Mountain. Have any history/experience singing? Join us!! Call 817-3100 for more info.

**TGNArizona**: The central source for news and information for, by and about the TS, TG, and Gender-variant communities of Arizona. Website URL: <http://www.tgnarizona.org> - e-mail address: [algodrum@uswest.net](mailto:algodrum@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 - 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. For more information call the church at 299-9063 and ask for a contact person.

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

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**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 85662.

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**SOFTBALL** - For info on the Tucson Greater Softball Association T.G.S.A., please contact Mary 770-9979 or Bernie 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 299-8647.

**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 622-3209.

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**ARIZONA AIDS POLICY ALLIANCE (AZAPA)** seeks to educate legislators and citizens about sound AIDS policy. For more information write AZAPA, 8523 N. 14<sup>th</sup> St., #112, Phoenix, AZ 85014 or call 602-279-4805.

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

**AAPSP - ARIZONA ASSOCIATION OF PUBLIC SAFETY PROFESSIONALS** - a confidential organization committed to providing support and networking for all Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual public safety professionals in Arizona. Membership open to Law Enforcement Officers, Firefighters, Probation, Parole and Corrections Officers and civilians working within these agencies. Website: [AAPSP.org](http://AAPSP.org) or e-mail: [AAPSP@aol.com](mailto: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 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 293-8824.

**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 688-5541

**LESBIAN AND GAY AL-ANON** - Affected by someone's drinking? Meeting every Tuesday 8:45 to 9:45 p.m. at Lambda Center, 2940 E. Thomas, Phoenix. Ellie 581-8650 or Ronn 968-2384.

**CHRISTIAN SCIENCE GROUP** - Outreach to Gay and Lesbian people in Arizona. Meets monthly. Write to P.O. Box 893, Phoenix, AZ 85001 or call Eddy Walters, (602)371-1102

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

**LIGHTNING LIGHTING** will provide lighting for AIDS and related benefits at no charge. For more info call Adrienne at 689-7298.

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

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

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

Join the **LESBIAN & GAY PUBLIC AWARENESS PROJECT**. In Tucson write Awareness Project, 3661 N. Campbell Ave. #385, Tucson, AZ 85719.

**AA Meeting with HIV/AIDS focus**, Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m., MCC Church, 3289 N. Mountain. All alcoholics welcome.

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

**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 325-8468 or Ray at 749-5247.

**TUCSON INTERFAITH HIV/AIDS NETWORK (THAN)**, a coalition of faith communities committed to a compassionate response to HIV/AIDS, provides HIV education in congregational settings, volunteer CareTeams to support HIV+ persons, a referral network of HIV-sensitive clergy, and interfaith services of healing and hope. For more information call 299-8847.

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

**ANONYMOUS HIV COUNSELING AND TESTING** is available through the Pima County Health Department at sites throughout Tucson, Very Gay Friendly. For more information or to make an appointment call 791-7878.

**GRACE GROUP - CATHOLIC GAY/LESBIAN SUPPORT GROUP** meets every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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 721-2003.

**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 ([ewalten@ix.netcom.com](mailto:ewalten@ix.netcom.com))

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

**SOUTHERN ARIZONA GENDER ALLIANCE (SAGA)**. Meetings on the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday, 7pm. Desert Gitz (MTF) Meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday at 7pm. Desert 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 824-1779 for more info. [SAGAEmail@aol.com](mailto:SAGAEmail@aol.com) <http://members.aol.com/sagae-mail>

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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](http://www.saaaf.org). Open until filled. AA/EOE.



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