

Memorial Day 2001

*Nothing beautiful in this world is ever really lost. Those we cherish will always live on in memory.....
On Memorial Day, the Tucson Gay & Lesbian Community remembers it's brothers and sisters.....*

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UPDATE

AGRA 2002 Royalty Competition Begins

PHOENIX - June 9, will be the night candidates for AGRA 2002 Royalty will become contestants for winning one of three titles of AGRA. Contestants will vie for the titles of Mr AGRA, Ms AGRA and Miss AGRA, staged during Charlie's annual "Grand Ole Opry" Days at Charlie's bar, 727 W. Camelback Rd, Phoenix.

Although this is the official date that candidates announce their intentions, it is by no means the dead line for entering the Royalty competition. Candidates must however be a member in good standing for a minimum of 30 days before announcing his or her candidacy. There are also AGRA & IGRA Bylaws and rules which must be followed by each candidate.

During their candidacy, each contestant must raise \$500.00 for a 501C charitable organization of their choice. The night will be a fun, entertaining evening with plenty of entertainment for everyone. AGRA's Miss AGRA 2001, Suzanne Target will be entertaining as well as MS AGRA 2001, Gaylia Young, and 2nd Runner Up Miss AGRA Noel Christine. Also present will be AGRA's own Victoria London, who was crowned Miss IGRA 2001 last October and was Miss AGRA 2000.

So come join us and if you're thinking of running for a Royalty title, contact AGRA State Vice President Dan Iversen at (480) 671-0235. He will be able to supply all the registration and information needed to enter the competition.

RGMC Concert June 1-2

TUCSON - Reveille Gay Men's Chorus (RGMC) of Tucson will be tribute to Diana Ross and the Supremes, Martha and the Vendellas, the Shirelles and Teddy Bears, just to name a few, at their concerts, June 1-2, 8:00 p.m., at the Proscenium Theater, Pima College West, 2201 West Anklam Road.

Director Jim Taylor has re-keyed and re-arranged songs, including "You Can't Hurry Love," "To Know Him is to Love Him," "When Will I Be Loved," and many more for the 35 voices of Reveille. Some will be done by the entire chorus, others by soloists and small ensembles, and it will be like revisiting the AM radio dial.

Tickets are \$12 in advance, \$15 at the door. Advance tickets are available at Antigone Books, 411 N. Fourth Ave.; Tucson Trunk, 5605 E. River Road, and Rainbow Planet Coffee House, 606 N. Fourth Avenue, as well as calling the Reveille hot line, (520) 617-3100.

IN MEMORIAM



William "Bill" Darnell

Darnell, William E. (Bill), 58, of Tucson, passed away on May 18, 2001. He was born on June 23, 1942 in Lafayette, Indiana.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Evrett and Norma Darnell and two brothers, Bob and Jim Darnell. He is survived by his life partner, Bill Conn; two sisters, Betty (Ron) Snyder, Beverly Banton, both of Lafayette, Indiana; one brother, Don (Shirley) Darnell, of Cushing, Wisconsin and many other loving family members and friends.

He was the owner and president of Tucson Traffic Service and past president and cofounder of the Tucson Chapter of AGRA. His hobbies included traveling and collecting his much loved Koala's. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made, in Bill's honor, to a charity of your choice. A Memorial Service will be held on Saturday May 26, 2:00 p.m. at Evergreen Mortuary Chapel, north Oracle Road and West Miracle Mile.

Green Thursday To Hold Auditions

TUCSON - Green Thursday Theatre Project announces auditions for its summer production of Rain, a drag campy parody, Tuesday, May 29, 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. at the HazMat Gallery, 191 E. Toole Avenue.

Actors will be reading from the script. As this is an adaptation, scripts will be unavailable beforehand.

Rehearsals for Rain will begin June 18 and the production will open on Thursday, July 26. To make an audition appointment, call (520) 795-4322.



**Shirley Jean Dykstra
aka "Gram"**

"Gram" 75, of Tucson, passed away May 13. Shirley was born in Peoria, Illinois, raised in Chicago. She moved to Tucson in 1983. She was employed by Balmoral Lodge then Devon Gables Nursing Homes. Her interests were bowling, bingo, baseball games and children. She met many of the members of the community and volunteered when capable.

She will be missed by Jose B., Rosa A., Junior H. & Brian P., Robert M., & Reggie L. She lived in Tucson with her grandson Carl for one-and-a-half years recently, until her recent battle with ESRD (End-Stage Renal Disease) that had gotten the best of her along with other medical problems. She was very supportive of Our Community and of her grandson Carl's partner in life, Jose. She was Past Matron of the Eastern Star in Tinley Park, Illinois. Involved with DeMolay Mother's Club. Contributions can be made to: Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation, in lieu of flowers, at 375 S. Euclid Ave. Arrangements by Hudge's-Swan Funeral Home and put to rest in Washington Memorial Cemetery in Homewood, Illinois.

Desert Voices Concert June 15

TUCSON - Desert Voices, under the direction of Artistic Director Keith A. Koster, present their annual Gay pride concert, "Now & Then" taking a look back at America's best music of the 20th century, June 15, 8:00 p.m., at the PCC Proscenium Theatre, 2202 W. Anklam Road.

The performance will feature all of Desert Voices' favorite groups, including the women's barbershop quartet Alegria, the tight harmony men's quartet, Four Brothers, and Women With Voices, Desert Voices' female ensemble, and Una Voz, the chorus' premiere mixed ensemble, will be featured in several favorites. The chorus will share the music of Broadway favorites Oklahoma and West Side Story. In celebration of Gay pride, the concert will feature several audience favorites of Lesbian and Gay significance.

Concert tickets are \$10/\$12 in advance, \$15 at the door can be purchased through the chorus hotline, (520) 791-9662. Tickets are also available at Antigone Books, Tucson Trunk, Rainbow Planet Coffeehouse, Hear's Music and Zip's University. The concert will be ASL interpreted.

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NOTE: Although the great majority of persons named here died of complications of AIDS, some died from other illnesses, natural causes, suicide, murder, accidents, etc.

This list has been compiled from obituary notices that appeared in the Observer and Arizona Gay News, and information received from the Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation. It is not a complete list by any means.

It has been updated each year since May 24, 1989. For any corrections, additions or deletions please contact the Observer.

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DEAR OBSERVER:

I was shocked and deeply troubled that you reprinted the May 3rd article from the AZ Daily Star on increased AIDS deaths. The article is misleading in tone and I was badly misquoted. (Although I cannot speak for others it is my understanding that others were misquoted as well). I have been quite vocal in my frustration and would greatly have appreciated a call from the Observer to verify the accuracy of the story.

I do not feel HIV is out of control. I do not think AIDS is a death sentence. We are seeing an increase in deaths but it remains primarily in persons not in treatment.

I am quoted as saying "lots" of Gay patients don't use condoms when what I did really say was that condom use was much less common in heterosexual men than in homosexual men although many people still refuse to use condoms.

Here is a letter I have written to the Star and asked them to publish as an opinion piece or an Op-ed:

AIDS IS NOT A DEATH SENTENCE

The May 3rd issue of the Arizona Daily Star had an article on death rates in the El Rio Special Immunology Associates practice which included some misquotations and left an impression far different from that supported by my view of the facts.

El Rio Special Immunology Associates was started almost 10 years ago by a joint effort of El Rio Community Health Center and The People with AIDS Coalition of Tucson funded by Ryan White Care Act Title 3. It has grown to include three full time physicians, Dr. Deborah Goldsmith, Dr. Kelly Vollmer, and myself. Our practice now follows about 1,000 persons living with HIV-infection in Tucson and Southern Arizona. We are adding about two to three new patients weekly and are the only full time 100% HIV practice in Southern Arizona.

The management of HIV infection and AIDS is one of the major medical success stories of our time. I would like to examine the data available from our practice and explain my interpretation of the data and share my perspective on the current state of HIV treatment.

In late 1995 and early 1996 new medications became available to treat HIV, and we saw a very rapid decline in deaths in our practice. In 1995 the death rate was

14 per 100 patients annually. In 1999 the rate was two deaths per 100 patients annually. The cost of these new medications is about \$15,000 per quality adjusted life year which is less expensive than other common interventions in medicine such as screening mammography, hemodialysis, or coronary artery bypass surgery. The overall costs of the care of persons living with HIV actually declined as a result of the new treatments. It is estimated that each dollar spent on HIV medication results in a three dollar savings due to decreases in serious illness and hospitalization.

Unfortunately the last half of 2000 and the first 4 months of 2001 have seen an increase in deaths in our practice. In 2000 there were 28 deaths total, which was 3 per 100 patients annually. Of the 28 deaths 8 were in the first half of the year and 20 in the second half of the year reflecting a significant increase since mid-2000. Currently in 2001 there have been 18 deaths. To truly understand the significance of this data it is important to consider the causes of death and the treatment history of these patients.

The vast majority of these deaths (approximately 95%) have been in persons who were not on antiretroviral therapy, that is they were not receiving treatment for their HIV infection. Grant funding enables us to see any patient who comes to us regardless of their financial status and we can obtain medications for any patient who requires it. What factors then keep a person from getting treatment? There are three major obstacles, first is the simple fact many of these persons did not know they had HIV infection until they were sick with the infection or condition that ultimately killed them, they were either unaware of their risk or chose not to be tested. Second is substance abuse, alcohol and other drugs, that limited a persons ability to come into medical care and to adhere with a treatment regimen. Finally, the third obstacle is mental illness as persons with mental illness are at an increased risk for HIV but often their mental illness prevents them from getting into care for their HIV.

We are also just this year beginning to see some limitations of our current therapies. Up until now all persons receiving HIV treatment seemed to benefit. We now have had a very few deaths of persons who were taking therapy for HIV but not responding well. These patients were exclusively persons who had late-stage AIDS in 1996 and whose response to the newest treatments was very poor. They did not see

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High Court To Decide Internet Pornography Law

WASHINGTON, DC (WS) - The U.S. Supreme Court said it would hear a Justice Department appeal aimed at allowing the federal government to enforce a 1998 law intended to protect minors from Internet pornography.

The justices agreed to review whether a U.S. appeals court properly barred the law's enforcement on constitutional free-speech grounds, because it relies on community standards to identify online material harmful to minors.

Returning to an issue that pits free-speech rights against efforts by Congress to protect minors from online pornography, the high court will hear arguments and then issue its decision during its term that begins in October.

The Child Online Protection Act, adopted by Congress and signed by then-President Bill Clinton in 1998, would require commercial site operators on the World Wide Web to impose electronic proof-of-age systems before allowing Internet users to view material deemed harmful to minors.

First-time violators would face up to six months in prison and a \$50,000 fine.

The law, which has never been enforced, was immediately challenged on First Amendment grounds by the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) and 17 groups and business, including online magazine publishers and booksellers.

Congress came up with the law in a new effort to regulate access by minors to Internet pornography after the Supreme Court in 1997 struck down the Communications Decency Act of 1996.

A federal judge issued a preliminary injunction on the grounds that the law violated free-speech rights, saying site operators had no effective way of screening out minors and ruling that the law probably was fatally flawed.

The appeals court upheld the injunction. It specifically objected to the law's reliance on "contemporary community standards" and said Web site operators would be unable to determine the geographic location of site visitors using a worldwide computer network.

Bush HIV Program Excludes Secular Groups

WASHINGTON, DC - The Bush administration is offering a new multi-million dollar HIV prevention and drug counseling initiative that makes public money available exclusively to religious applicants, a breach of assurances made concerning his "faith-based" community services plan and an unconstitutional violation of the law, a national church-state watchdog group charged.

The \$4 million grant program overseen by the Department of Health and Human Services is designed to fund programs that work with young Black and Hispanic teens and address both drug abuse and HIV prevention. The application, however, specifies grant applicants must be "faith-based organizations" or groups working in close association with them.

According to HHS materials,

To comply with the law, operators would have to severely censor their Web sites or would have to adopt age or credit card verification systems to shield minors from material deemed harmful "by the most puritan of communities in any state," the appeals court said.

Acting Solicitor General Barbara Underwood of the Justice Department said in the Supreme Court appeal the case involved the scope of Congress' power to protect minors from sexually explicit online material.

She said the appeals court has perhaps fatally restricted the power of Congress to address "that serious problem" and called the ruling "dramatic and extraordinary in its scope."

Adult verification services that cost \$16.95 a year represent an acceptable "price to pay for protecting children from the harmful effects of graphic pornographic images," she said.

ACLU lawyer Ann Beeson replied that the appeal should be denied. She said the appeals court correctly held that the law would suppress a large amount of speech on the Web that adults are entitled to communicate and receive.

She said the criminal penalties would apply to millions of commercial content providers. A Web site operator could be found guilty for a single description or image on a Web page, and the law would cover Web-based chat rooms and discussion groups.

As an alternative to the law, concerned parents could use blocking or filtering technology to shield children from online pornography, Beeson said.

In a statement, Beeson said, "We welcome the opportunity to demonstrate to the court that Congress has once again fundamentally misunderstood the nature of the Internet."

She added, "How else can you explain a law that makes criminals of our clients, who include the poet Lawrence Ferlinghetti, writers of sexual advice columns and Web sites for a bookstore, an art gallery and the Philadelphia Gay News, to name a few."

non-religious social service organizations are not eligible to seek or receive funding under this program.

"This faith-based set-aside is solid evidence from this administration that it is embracing a system of favoritism toward religion," said the Rev. Barry Lynn, executive director of Americans United for Separation of Church and State. "This isn't a level playing field, it's an arena where secular groups aren't even allowed to play."

In a letter to HHS Secretary Tommy Thompson this week, Lynn cited a U.S. Supreme Court case usually cited by conservatives. He quotes Justice Sandra Day O'Connor who at one point said government money must be "available to both religious and secular beneficiaries on a

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Non-Traditional Households Increase

WASHINGTON, DC (NP) - Fewer and fewer Americans are settling down in "traditional" heterosexual family units, according to the latest Census data.

The once-traditional nuclear family continues to decline in America, with more unmarried couples - both Gay and straight - sharing a home and a greater number of people choosing to live alone, the Census Bureau said.

According to figures released from the 2000 census, the households consisting of a married couple with children under 18 dropped to 23.5 percent of the total from 25.6 percent in 1990, and 45 percent four decades ago.

The number of single-person households amounted to 26 percent of the total. Those in which unmarried people - with or without children - were living as couples rose by 72 percent to 5.47 million in 2000 from 3.19 million in 1990.

Married-couple households dropped from 55 percent to 52 percent of all homes from the last census.

The latest statistics from the 2000 Census redefine the American household, with the number of Americans living alone surpassing traditional nuclear families in number.

In 1940, less than 8 percent of all households were made up of people living alone compared to nearly a quarter in 2000.

The shift in living arrangements was reflected in the nation's average household size, which hit a record low last year of 2.59 people from 2.63 a decade earlier.

"What we are seeing now represents a continuation of the trends from the past 40 years," said Census Bureau demographer Campbell Gibson.

In 1960, the typical American household would have been a married couple with children under 18 at home. A much more diverse picture has now emerged, Gibson said.

Demographers attribute the shift from the traditional nuclear family to several factors, such as couples delaying marriage and having children later, a higher divorce rate and a growth in single parent families.

Both men and women are getting married later in life with the median age of first marriage going up since 1960 from aged 22 to 27 for men and for women from 20 to 25 years old.

The number of families led by women with no husband present grew nearly three times faster in the 1990s than the number of married couples with children.

The Family Research Council, which promotes the traditional nuclear family and is opposed to people living together before marriage, said the latest census results showed an "alarming trend" in family structures.

"We need to discourage people from living together outside of marriage and encourage them to have children within marriage," said Bridget Maher, a policy analyst at the Family Research Council.

However, interest groups representing single people said the census figures showed that people were no longer rushing to the altar and that America had to adapt to a changing society.

The Alternatives to Marriage Project (ATMP), a non-profit group for unmarried people, said it was clear cohabiting had been transformed from "something scandalous" to something most people do before they married or instead of marrying.

"The fairy tales misled us. Getting married isn't the only way to live happily ever after," said ATMP executive director Dorian Sotol. "The truth is that some princesses stay single. Some princesses are Lesbians. And there are cohabitators living throughout the kingdom."

Other groups representing single people said they hoped corporate America, which still pampered married couples, would grasp the changing face of households.

"Businesses that continue to cater almost exclusively to married couples have lost sight of the changing demographics of this country and they may get lost in the dust of the companies who do recognize the face of the future," said Bella DePaulo, a leading member of the American Association for Single People.

Army Rejects Appeal By Winchell's Mother

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Over the weekend, Patricia Kuttles received a letter from Matt Reres, the Army's deputy general counsel, informing her that the Army had stood by its original decision to reject her wrongful death claim.

According to Charles Butler, Kuttles' attorney, the appeal was her last chance to seek damages for her son's death under the Military Claims Act.

Kuttles had filed the \$1.8 million claim a year ago, arguing that an atmosphere of anti-Gay sentiment in the Army and a failure of leadership to stop harassment had led to the July 1999 murder of her son, Pfc. Barry Winchell.

"It was just devastating," Kuttles said in reaction to the letter rejecting her appeal. "By turning down the claim they're showing that his life was not worth anything to them, that they condone his death," Kuttles said.

Kuttles' appeal sought redress under the Military Claims Act, an administrative procedure that allows service members or civilians to seek damages from the military for injury, death or loss of property. The Federal Tort Claims Act, a separate procedure for seeking compensation in civilian courts, was not available to Kuttles since the Supreme Court has placed limitations on claims against the armed forces. "It looks like we've run out of options," Butler said.

The Army inspector general released a report last year on circumstances surrounding Winchell's murder. The report cited evidence of anti-Gay behavior in Winchell's unit, but concluded that Fort

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DEAR BRUCE:
How do I meet guys?
Single

whack of needles in it. Even if you think that metaphor is stupid, you can't deny that at its heart is an incontrovertible mathematical principle that translates into something like "The more fags around, the better your chances are of getting lucky."

DEAR SINGLE:
Sometimes the shortest questions are the most complicated. How you meet guys depends on two things: where you are and who you are. If you are not living in a major urban center, then your problem is obvious: no matter how outgoing and friendly you are, you can't meet 'em if you can't find 'em. It is more than thirty years after Stonewall and, alas, the dream of having a Gay bar on every corner, dotting the suburban landscape like so many 7-11s and Taco Bells, ain't happening. Those of us who live in large cities sometimes take for granted having such open and visible Gay communities on our doorsteps; oftentimes, we go so far as to grow tired of the scene. Granted, I've met a lot of tiresome Gay people in my time, but I do take comfort in at least knowing where they gather (even if it is so that I can avoid them). Gay men who live in the suburbs or rural areas don't have this luxury.

Now, if your problem is not your location, but your disposition, then it really doesn't matter where you go, as you will always follow yourself. If you are naturally shy, I know how extremely difficult it is for you to meet men whether it be in bars or clubs, or just in your day to day life. If your shyness is really acute, you may be suffering from social nervousness, a disorder for which there is, happily, medication. If, however, you simply have a hard time making conversation or connecting with people, it is something you must work constantly at overcoming. A small word of advice, you will find it easier to meet men through social groups that are structured around a common interest; this at least give you a starting point for conversation with less pressure than you will find in a bar or club. Now, wipe off your sweaty palms and get at it!

Bruce

[Ask Bruce is a part on manline.com.]

However, its been my experience that in many areas where there are no public communities there are often private ones; barbecues and house parties take the place of bars and clubs and small circles of friends and acquaintances form their own informal scene. The challenge is to find these circles and to start moving in them. The internet is great way to find other men in your area whether it be through Gay resource sites, chatrooms or meeting services like this one. You can also check out the listings or announcements in the Gay community newspaper closest to you as they often contain contact information for more formal social groups meeting in the surrounding areas. And if there isn't one, then start one.

And if all this doesn't work, then move. I'm kidding. Well, not really. If hooking up with someone is really important to you and it's not happening where you are, you should seriously consider looking elsewhere. Life is too short to spend it searching for a needle in a haystack, but if you have to, at least go looking in a haystack that you know has a whole

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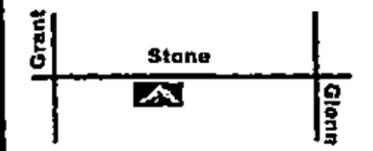


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Gay Student Battles For Prom Justice

DAYTON, OH - Mark Potterf Jr. and his date, Chris Sexton, resembled twin Ken dolls as they sauntered along the red carpet leading to Potterf's junior-senior prom in the Masonic Temple.

Both men turned out in black tuxedos. Only two features distinguished them: Potterf, 18, wore a white shirt and a black tie while Sexton, 19, chose a black shirt and a silver tie. Arm in arm, they flashed smiles for cameras held by throngs on both sides of the entrance.

Inside the Masonic, the couple's smiles dissolved into frowns when ticket takers for the Chaminade-Julienne Catholic High School affair prevented them from entering. "No same-sex couples," are allowed at dances, C-J's student handbook states.

Any other couple, though, must include at least one C-J student. School officials told Potterf in advance he would not be allowed to attend the dance with his male date, but Potterf decided to go anyway to challenge the policy in person.

Things have quieted down since Potterf, who is openly Gay, unsuccessfully fought his school's policy. School officials and students seniors in particular are now turning their attention to other end-of-the-school year events such as graduation.

Potterf, a junior, plans to continue his protest by refusing to return to C-J in the fall for his senior year. He feels the school excludes Gays and Lesbians, he said.

"I won't stop the fight," Potterf, a

writer at a Bellbrook restaurant, said this week. "Whether it is at the next high school I attend or it becomes a bigger issue at C-J."

C-J's principal Michael Trainor has said the policy isn't anti-Gay but was created to keep C-J students from overcrowding school-sponsored social events with their friends. School officials plan to review the policy over the summer, Trainor said.

National Gay youth experts say youth are becoming more open about their sexuality at younger ages. That means more schools could be forced to deal with such issues.

C-J has an "inter-parochial" relationship with the Archdiocese, which means the school doesn't have to follow policies and curriculum set forth by the Archdiocese.

Dan Andriacco, a spokesman for the Archdiocese said it is unlikely his district would endorse two male or two female students attending an event as a date.

"We would have concerns," Andriacco said. "We don't think a student has an absolute right to bring anyone he wants to a prom. I don't consider that a matter of discrimination. We think it is appropriate for schools to set policy on who students can bring to a prom."

"We don't have a policy and don't expect to have a policy," Andriacco continued. "If it arises, we will deal with it as requested. We would look at the issue as it comes and would be guided by the teach-

ings of the Catholic church about homosexuality."

While the topic of same-sex couples at high school proms may be relatively new to the Miami Valley, other school districts in the nation have welcomed such couples in recent years. Cities, such as Cleveland and New York, have seen proms organized for Gay and Lesbian students. The topic of dating among same-sex couples is likely to become more common because Gay and Lesbian individuals are coming out of the closet at younger ages.

Over the last five years more youth have begun to be open about their sexuality between 14 and 16 years old, said Caitlin Ryan, director of policy at the Institute on Sexuality, Inequality and Health at San Francisco State University. In the 1970s and 1980s, people typically took on sexual identities between 19 and 23, she said.

Ryan, author of "Lesbian and Gay Youth: Care and Counseling," attributed the younger age range to more support systems such as Gay/straight associations both in and out of schools, as well as to positive portrayals of Gays and Lesbians in the media.

"Youth who are more open will feel more self-esteem and more integrated less psychological stress and less depression and it gives them an opportunity to experience their whole person," Ryan said. "But at the same time, they are more likely to be victimized or harassed."

A 1999 survey of 500 Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgendered youth by

the Gay, Lesbian and Straight Education Network (GLSEN) found that 61 percent had experienced verbal harassment, 47 percent sexual harassment, 28 percent physical harassment and more than 90 percent said they often heard homophobic comments at school. Almost 40 percent of the time, the remarks came from teachers and other staff members, according to the Network, which works to end homophobia in schools.

Potterf said he experienced almost no harassment from fellow students after he came out last winter. In fact, more than 400 of C-J's 900 students signed a petition he and some friends circulated in the weeks before the prom. The petition, which came on the heels of an essay Potterf wrote and distributed to teachers and administrators criticizing the policy, demanded a change. Also, many outside the Masonic last Saturday cheered on Potterf and his date, a Cincinnati resident, with applause and wishes of good luck, Potterf said.

Asked if he planned to attend his senior prom with a male date, Potterf, showing incredulity at the question, replied, "Of course."

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ARIES

MARCH 21 - APRIL 20

Proud, rambunctious Rams turn a quick and witty phrase when the Sun tangles into Gemini. Use your words like sugar - shake it on liberally and lick it up. You'll get exactly what you want without cavities (well maybe one or two...). The best use of this jolly energy is to find a receptive entourage for your ideas. What about getting in touch with friends of friends? Give 'em a call.

TAURUS

APRIL 21 - MAY 21

If Gay Bulls find that their financial picture looks a little brighter, send a thank you heart on to glorious Sun in Gemini. If you've done your fiscal homework you'll find investments begin to pay off. It's money management time cousin! The planets enable you to envision an easy retirement light at the end of the tunnel. (Hmmm or is it the lights of an oncoming train...?)

GEMINI

MAY 22 - JUNE 21

The Sun in your own sign brings birthday joy. Get-Out there dear, queer Gemini and show 'em what pride is all about. It's an excellent time to meet and greet; your middle name is charisma. Begin new projects now; you have a receptive, fertile ground from which to nurture your personal dream. Schmooze and grab the limelight now; The astrological clock is ticking...

CANCER

JUNE 22 - JULY 23

Perceptive Crabs are in the pink when the Sun ambles into Gemini. Give back to our community through charitable acts and good Gay deeds. It's time to build up karma points kids so gather up those Mother Teresa vibrations and volunteer at a hospice or helpline. And what about that dreadful, brimming closet? Open it up and toss it all Out - it's all dreck!

LEO

JULY 24 - AUGUST 23

Dramatic queer Lions crave an adoring crowd. Thank the stars that friends are available to provide adulation and support when the Sun enters sociable Gemini. Proud Leos become the epicenter of attention. (Maybe it's those lime green hot-pants...?) Find a group that thinks the way you do. Be a supportive leader and enable everyone to feel part of the greater Gay goal.

VIRGO

AUGUST 24 - SEPTEMBER 23

Gay Virgins feel professionally adept when the Sun enters Gemini. Career opportunities open up like a treasure chest; insert your key and choose among a delectable assortment. Consider each option carefully; Sometimes the least likely scenario can be the most intriguing. Sometimes it's to a new and fabulous career level. Sometimes it's to the mailroom.

LIBRA

SEPTEMBER 24 - OCTOBER 23

Gay Libras hang their hats just about anywhere and feel at home with Sun in friendly Gemini. Travel and see the world while the planetary energy is high. It's an excellent time to spread your wings, enrich your global perspective and learn (or meet) some new and exotic tricks. Sometimes these new, exotic tricks require whip cream and a leather collar... Don't be an old dog.

SCORPIO

OCTOBER 24 - NOVEMBER 22

Feisty queer Scorps turn the sexual spigot on full blast when the Sun enters feisty Gemini. Actions speak louder and prouder than words with lovers so speak queerly. Gemini juice can make two great minds think alike. However, remember the other Gemini trait before you dig in - fickleness. One party and one lover a night is enough for even a wild eyed Scorpion.

SAGITTARIUS

NOVEMBER 23 - DECEMBER 22

Sun in sociable Gemini offers you a renewed appreciation for one to one relationships. If you are lucky enough to already have a special someone, all thoughts and communication between the two of you will be in tandem. If you are still searching for that great Gay dream, at least you are now able to envision the perfect person for you. Now get out there and advertise, proud Archer!

CAPRICORN

DECEMBER 23 - JANUARY 20

Serious queer Caps should get down to work when the fabulous Sun enters meticulous Gemini. Energy levels are especially high, particularly for any thought-intensive work. For those Gay Goats who have contemplated owning the perfect body, may I suggest a personal trainer? A serious exercise regime can produce incredibly delicious improvements now. Think nude beach season.

AQUARIUS

JANUARY 21 - FEBRUARY 19

Aqueerians light the fire and turn up the heat on good Gay times when the hot Sun enters affable Gemini. Any creative or artistic pursuit will be especially enjoyable and fulfilling now. This means that if you are asked to plan a party or grand scale social event, the results will have 'em talking for months! Don't forget the rainbow bunting and naked gogo dancers.

PISCES

FEBRUARY 20 - MARCH 20

Pink Fish find their home base particularly enjoyable and relaxing when the Sun enters Gemini. You may get the redecorating bug in an urge to make your home reflect your innate sense of romantic style. Or maybe it means moving to a more spiritually affirming part of town. Whatever you decide to do, be sure to invite a few kindred souls over for a pleasant prideful evening.

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Hello Gay community of Tucson. Some of you may remember my incredibly insightful advice/Q & A column published in the Observer a few years ago. I have decided to bring the column back after taking a much-needed rest. If you never saw it before, Ask Dr. X was an advice column in which we discussed issues and topics relevant to all Gay men. I'm never going to give you the perfect answer to your questions, that's impossible, but I will use my years of experience and that of others to help give you some direction.

Over the next few weeks the Observer is going to run a few old columns I picked out to let you get the flavor of what Ask Dr. X is all about. Topics for discussion range from sex to loving yourself, growing in a healthy way, HIV/AIDS, relationship problems, shyness, drugs and alcohol, being Gay, being OUT, family, friendships, STD's, male cancers, you name it, I'll answer it! If I don't have an answer I'll ask until I get you one.

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weeks ahead that my advice comes with humor, candor and affection. I am not just Dr. X but also a Gay man living with AIDS who's been around the block more than a few times. My favorite questions are about sex and relationships but I'll field anything.

The Ask Dr. X column is coming to you through the Gay Men's Health Project and is being published by the Observer for all of you who can't pick it up on the GMHP website. Questions can be sent through the website: www.gmhp.org and/or through regular mail at SAAF, 375 S. Euclid Ave, Tucson, AZ 85719 Attn: Ask Dr. X.

Please keep Dr. X guessing and your fellow readers intrigued. Dr. X is now a permanent resident of Tucson so I'll have an even greater understanding of the issues in this community. Look for some great, free Ask Dr. X stuff from GMHP in the bars and at events over the next year. I have a new look, a new address and some great advice and information so I can't wait to hear from you.

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decreases in the amount of virus in their bodies nor did they see improvement in their immune function. Nonetheless I think we could consider their treatment a success as they were expected to die quickly in 1995 or 1996 and gained five years of life which generally was of fairly good quality. It would appear then that in the most difficult and least successful cases patients have gained five to six years of life. The amount of life gained by HIV treatment in the best cases remains unknown as those persons are still alive and doing well.

The treatment of HIV infection is complex and there are several challenges emerging. In some cases the virus has been able to develop resistance to every medication yet available and we continue to race against the development of resistance. However there are many new drugs in development and I remain optimistic that viral resistance continue to be a manageable problem. Additionally there are appearing toxicities and side effects of treatment including lipid, bone, and glucose abnormalities which remain incompletely understood. These problems loom largest now as they affect persons otherwise doing well with their HIV infection. I expect slow and steady progress in this arena as well.

HIV/AIDS is a rapidly changing field and the optimal treatment strategies remain in evolution. What explains the increasing deaths in our practice over the past year? I am unsure but I am sure that it is not due to "failure" of HIV treatment as most of those dying have not received enough HIV treatment to have failed. What I think is happening is that many persons with HIV infection do not perceive themselves at risk and thus are not getting tested. These people were infected 10 to 15 years ago and so are now beginning to get

the infections and conditions associated with late-stage AIDS. Many of them are outside the traditionally perceived risk groups and given the relative lack of attention HIV is now receiving in the press and our society they do not know they are at risk and are not being tested.

What response should this increase in deaths provoke? First is to know that there is much we can do to treat HIV infection but that nothing can be done if one does not know they are HIV infected. I am of the opinion that all persons who are or have been sexually active (heterosexual or homosexual) should be tested for HIV infection. Most of these persons will not have HIV but I feel the experience of having gone through the counseling and testing process is very educational and is perhaps the best preventive intervention available. There is no cure for HIV infection at this time and by far the best course is to not get infected. Unfortunately despite our best efforts at prevention there continue to be about 40,000 new HIV infections annually in this country.

If you are HIV infected it is critical that you find a physician knowledgeable in the management of HIV. Find out where you stand and what treatment options are available for you. The vast majority of persons being followed in our clinic on a regular basis are leading healthy, high quality lives. HIV is a very treatable condition, not a death sentence. The recent deaths we are seeing should not be a cause for pessimism or hysterics but rather a reminder that HIV has not gone away and a call for continued efforts on all our parts.

Thank You,
J. Kevin Carmichael
Tucson, AZ

State Senator David Petersen, R-Mesa, and Len Munsil, the head of the Center for Arizona Policy (CAP), an anti GLBT, right-wing group had told reporters that they would launch a petition drive, to force a vote on HB 2016, signed by Governor Jane Hull, which repealed Arizona's archaic sex laws, dealing with sodomy and non-familial cohabitation, "to make sure government doesn't pay for sex changes and teach homosexuality in the schools," as Petersen stated, erroneously.

Petersen, along with Republican state Representatives Dean Cooley and Karen Johnson, and former Republican state House Speaker, Jeff Groscost, had gathered at Johnson's Mesa home to draft a ballot to reinstate Arizona's archaic sex laws. This meeting took place just after Hull had affixed her signature to the bill, sponsored by openly Gay state Representative Steve May, R-Paradise Valley.

This past week, Petersen announced "he had changed his mind," and that he and his supporters, including of course, Munsil and CAP, would instead push for a 2002 ballot initiative aimed at changing the Arizona Constitution to include a definition of marriage that excludes Gay and Lesbian couples.

Commenting on Petersen's announcement, the Arizona Daily Star, in an editorial entitled "Bedroom Politics," said, "We think Peterson [sic] should put his energy into the state's business and not worry so much about what goes on in his neighbors' bedrooms." Like he and his ilk haven't before?

Arizona's laws, in two places, already have "marriage" defined as between a man and a woman. Arizona statute, 25-101, prohibits recognition of same sex marriage.

POLITICS 2001
by Mark R. Kerr

**'A Mind Is A Terrible Thing To Waste...
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Sound familiar? That was part of SB 1038, the Arizona Defense of Marriage Act, ram-rodged through the Arizona Legislature in 1996, by then House Speaker Jeff Groscost. Groscost threatened legislators that he would use their vote on the bill against them in the upcoming election campaign.

Legislators, including state Senator David Petersen voted in favor, and was signed by then Governor, Fife Symington.

Just some important facts missed by the Star's editorial board, but what else is new?!

So what's the point of adding a constitutional amendment? Simple, Gay and Lesbian bashing for fun and profit, and most importantly votes.

Next year is an election year for federal, statewide offices, and the Arizona Legislature, especially with their new boundaries for their respective legislative districts, so the effort to divert the public's attention from the real problems has begun. How soon will it be before we see the inevitable file footage of leather clad individuals and drag queens on television? ...

In a letter to the Arizona Republic, U.S. Representative John Shadegg, R-CD 4, praised Len Munsil, stating that Munsil adhere's "to the highest standards of honesty and integrity," and that he "always

found the E-mails [he had received for at least five years] to be factual, timely and principled." Shadegg's letter was in response to openly Gay state representative Steve May's statement, accusing Munsil of "lying shamelessly" regarding HB 2016, the archaic laws repeal. In several E-mails, entitled "Family Facts Report," obtained by The Observer, Munsil wrote:

"In California, where there are no laws against sodomy, public schools are now required to teach homosexual propaganda."

"We will move closer to making criminals out of business owners and even pastors who refuse to hire openly homosexual job applicants, even in positions that involve interaction or supervision of children."

"... repealing these laws is an attack on our society's commitment to the vital institution of marriage."

"One of the next items on the homosexual agenda is to lower the age of sexual consent to 14 or even 12."

"... that the repeal would also legalize bestiality (sex with animals). This latest revelation about the impact of repealing these laws has caused a later flurry of opposition to HB 2016 from PETA (People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals.)"

Honest and principled? So how soon will it be before we see the inevitable file footage of leather clad individuals and drag queens on television?



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Some Straights Can Go Gay, Study Says

By Jen Dohr Bender

BOSTON, MA - An explosive new study says some straight people can turn Gay if they really want to. Dr. Horace Queen, a psychiatrist at Boston's Mass Genital Hospital who led the study, said he cannot estimate what percentage of highly motivated straight people can change their sexual orientation.

But he said the research "shows some people can change from straight to Gay, and we ought to acknowledge that." Queen defined "highly motivated straight people" as men and women who wanted to improve their wardrobes and have more frequent sex.

The issue has been hotly debated in the scientific community and among religious groups, some of which contend straights can become homosexual through prayer, counseling and shopping therapy.

Major mental health groups say nobody knows what causes a person's sexual orientation. Theories tracing heterosexuality to troubled family dynamics or faulty psychological development have been discredited, the Psychiatric Association says. The American Psychological Association says most scientists think sexual orientation probably comes from a complex interaction, including biological and environmental factors.

Queen conducted 45-minute telephone interviews with 200 people, 143 of them men, who claimed they had changed their orientation from heterosexual to Gay. The average age of those interviewed was 43.

Most said they had used more than one strategy to change their orientation. About half said the most helpful step was work with a mental health professional. About a third cited a support group, and fewer mentioned such aids as books, the Holly Near box set and mentoring by a homosexual.

Queen concluded that 66 percent of the men and 44 percent of the women had arrived at what he called good homosexual functioning.

That term was defined as being in a sustained, loving homosexual relationship within the past year, getting enough satisfaction from the emotional relationship with their partner to rate at least 7 on a 10-point scale, having satisfying homosexual sex at least twice a day and never or rarely thinking of somebody of the opposite sex during the Gay Pride Parade.

In addition, 89 percent of men and 95 percent of women said they were bothered only slightly, or not at all, by unwanted heterosexual feelings, such as the desire to move to the suburbs and procreate. Only 11 percent of the men and 37 percent of the women reported a complete absence of heterosexual indicators, including opposite-sex attraction.

"This study proves that with the

proper education and religious upbringing, straights can adopt a healthy Gay lifestyle," commented Sen. J.C. Helms, the prominent male-to-female transsexual. "It's tough, but heterosexuality can be licked," she added.

[Warning, dear reader. Ms. Bender was forced to write this for sfgate.com after reading the recent article, "Some Straights Can Go Straight, Study Says." Aliens made her do it, really.]

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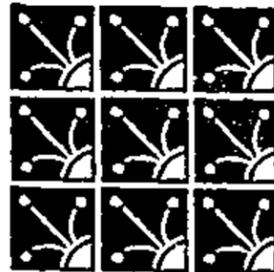
A LETTER TO THOSE AFFECTED AND INFECTED BY AIDS:

Last Sunday my partner and I celebrated our one-year anniversary. I live with AIDS and he is negative, and we were celebrating a year of love, fun times, and being grateful for starting another year together. After a wonderful dinner my partner suggested we go to the Biz for the Gay Mens Health Project's outreach for HIV testing. It was music to my ears, as we do play safe but it had been 6 months since his last test and it was time for another. We'd seen the ad in the Observer that said testing would be available from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the Biz. We arrived at 8:00 p.m. and asked the staff where the testing was being held. We were told that a guy came in sometime around 7:00 and asked if anyone was waiting to be tested.

I am sure my partner was not the only one seeking an HIV test on that Sunday, and I was flabbergasted to find that you needed to ask the bartender and then sit and hope that "some guy" stops back by the bar. Individuals who have busy schedules or those hesitant to go to a local physician for these services need this type of outreach and need to be able to plan for it accordingly. Now I must say it did not ruin my anniversary nor did it detour my partner from seeking an HIV test elsewhere, but this is just one more example of how the Red Ribbon continues to fade.

I have had a year of medical hassle and poor communication with the local AIDS service organizations, which has prompted me to search for better care and facilities, no matter where it was. I believe I've found it and will be relocating my life because of the lack of education, involvement, and support services in Tucson. To the others who might feel invisible or alone, please take charge and demand more from your physicians, AIDS service organizations, and caretakers because "there's no day but today". (RENT)

Respectfully yours,
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Straight-Gays Study Biased And Unscientific

By Wayne Besen

What do John Paulk, Jeremy Marks and Wade Richards have in common? They were all high profile "ex-Gays" who came out of the closet in the past year - or in Paulk's case, was photographed at a Gay bar in Washington. If there is one known fact about "ex-Gays," it is that one cannot always take their stories of "change" at face value.

In light of the double lives of prominent "ex-Gays," it seems questionable to conduct a "scientific" study on whether people can "change" their sexual orientation - if it is based solely on their testimonies. Yet this is exactly what psychologist Dr. Robert Spitzer did. Moreover, many of his 200 subjects were involved upon the referral of several virulently anti-Gay political groups.

The most obvious flaw in Spitzer's study was the clear role played by these groups. The "ex-Gay" ministries referred 43 percent of the subjects to Spitzer. The anti-Gay National Association for the Research and Therapy of Homosexuality referred 23 percent. Unbelievably, among the subjects were right-wing activists and lobbyists. For example, anti-Gay activist Anthony Falzarano, who has lobbied against Gay civil rights legislation in Maine, Louisiana, Maryland as well as in countless major media appearances, was among the 200 participants in Spitzer's study. Falzarano told CBS News that Satan "uses homosexuals as pawns and then he kills them." Surely, reasonable people can agree that Spitzer's inclusion of Falzarano is not a reasonable step toward conducting an objective scientific study. "His sampling method was totally inadequate," Dr. Lawrence Hartmann, a professor at Harvard and a longtime researcher on homosexuality told Newsday. "For 30 years, Bob Spitzer may have been considered a careful researcher. But with this study, he no longer is. It is far from good science."

A year ago, the Human Rights Campaign urged Spitzer in a letter to use objective physical measures in determining whether his subjects were still attracted to the same sex. Why did he decline? Is it because he did not want objective data to get in the way? Spitzer and his allies on the political right claim that the new study shows that sexual orientation in some "highly motivated" people may be changeable. But the results show quite the opposite. Even though study participants were a hand-selected sample of activists - with 78 percent having spoken out publicly about conversion therapy - only 17 percent of the men and 55 percent of the women characterized themselves as 100 percent heterosexual after at least five years of therapy. Additionally, 56 percent of the men and 18 percent of the women still said they fantasized about the same sex. Most people would not objectively define these people as straight. Anti Gay activists have long claimed that tens of thousands of people have gone from Gay to straight. But after a review of the most "successful" 200 cases, it is clear that the failure rate of conversion

therapy is extraordinarily high. This is why Spitzer acknowledged having "great difficulty" in finding non-religious therapists able to refer clients whom had successfully changed their sexual orientation. It is also unclear whether many of the study's subjects are actually Gay. Forty percent of the men and 60 percent of the women acknowledged some attraction to the opposite sex before therapy. Twenty percent of the male participants and 40 percent of females had little or no sexual attraction to the same sex as teens.

What is clear is that most of the subjects were under extreme duress. And they may have been coerced into claiming they were heterosexuals. Further, a disproportionate number - 37 percent - of them were suicidal before therapy. Religion pressure also figured prominently in attempts to change, 93 percent of the subjects said that religion was extremely important in their lives.

Another study released at the same time, by Ariel Shidlo and Michael Schroeder, represents a more realistic picture of conversion therapy efforts. The New York psychologists studied 202 subjects who tried to change their sexual orientation, and found that 97 percent failed to change in any meaningful way. And of the 3 percent who claimed to have fully changed, all but one made their living as "conversion" counselors, thus reflecting possible bias.

Until society is free from anti Gay prejudice, people will feel compelled or be coerced into attempting to change. And they will claim success even if it has failed to occur. While new research on this controversial subject is welcome, Spitzer's study does not further enhance the current debate in any substantial or meaningful way. It only offers an unscientific study that is long on right-wing political influence and woefully short of objective data.

[Wayne Besen is the Associate Director of Communications for the Human Rights Campaign.]

TLGA Seeking Board Members

TUCSON - The Tucson Lesbian & Gay Alliance, producers of Gay Pride Week and OUToberFEST 2001 "Out in the Desert" are seeking energetic, creative and reliable board members to help produce Tucson's Pride events throughout the year

"Right now, the board is at half of its working capacity. It is going to become increasingly difficult for the seven existing board members to effectively carry out their volunteer duties as OUToberFEST 2001 draws closer. The board is expecting an attendance of 9,000 at OUToberFEST this year and seven board members, are not enough to produce a successful festival of that magnitude," says president, Chae Froeschke.

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Bush HIV Program

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nondiscriminatory basis."

The grant program is the agency's first effort to set money aside for religious groups and was done because officials believe these groups are in the best position to reach at-risk teens, said Mark Weber, a spokesman for HHS' Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration. "Faith-based organizations have access to the young people we are trying to reach," Weber said.

Americans United has written to Thompson to notify the department of this program's unconstitutionality.

"The criteria used to select the grant recipients are not neutral and secular but instead favor religion," AU's letter said. "The aid is not available on a nondiscriminatory basis to both religious and secular beneficiaries, but it is only available to organizations that are religious themselves or are working with religious organizations."

The Bush administration has insisted repeatedly in recent months that it merely wants to allow religious groups to compete with secular organizations for federal grants.

"It's totally inconsistent with this administration's constant claim that everybody should be on equal footing," said Lynn. Lynn promised to file suit against the program if HHS does not change its rules for who can apply.

The White House had no immediate comment on whether the program undermines the issue of fair treatment. One Bush supporter told the Associated Press he thought the exclusivity was just fine.

"For so long there's been so much discrimination against faith-based organizations," said Connie Marshner of the Free Congress Foundation. "I'd say it's a leveling of the field."

Army Rejects Appeal

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Campbell's chain of command appropriately enforced the Pentagon's "Don't Ask - Don't Tell" policy. Pvt. Calvin Glover of Sulphur, Okla., was sentenced to life in prison for Winchell's murder. Spc. Justin Fisher of Lincoln Neb., received a sentence of 12 1/2 years for lying to investigators.

Your Son Will Come Out Tomorrow

From 'Little Oral Andy' (To the tune of 'Tomorrow' from 'Annie')

By Paul Katona

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Just wait 'n' you'll see tomorrow
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Day by day

When your son is so thin and trim and
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And his hair is just so, you know
He's Gay

Tomorrow, tomorrow
He'll come out tomorrow
In the closet he just can't stay

Your son will come out tomorrow
He'll be working as a nurse tomorrow
In the day

But when the night comes tomorrow
He'll be in a jockstrap that he "borrowed"
From Andre

When he listens to Babs and Cher and Judy
And he knows every word
(Spoken) It's not absurd
He's Gay

Tomorrow, tomorrow
He'll come out tomorrow
In the closet he just can't stay

Your son will come out tomorrow
And he'll leave this one horse town to
follow
Dreams he's made

And when he comes out tomorrow
He'll be working on a better torso
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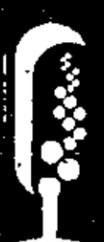
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SUMMER COYOTES BOWLING STARTS, MAY 30

TUCSON - The Desert Coyotes wrapped their winter season with a roll-off between the top four teams: The Nut Sack, The Breeders, Team Ate, and Mamas Family, with Mamas Family taking the championship in a three-game roll-off.

Tucson's Summer GLBT bowling league, the Summer Coyotes, will hold their organizational meeting, Wednesday, May 30, 7:00 p.m. at Golden Pin Lanes, 1010 W. Miracle Mile.

Teams will consist of three people. Skill isn't important, having fun is the prerequisite. Bowling will start at 8:00 p.m. that night and for the next ten weeks. If interested, just show up for the meeting. For more information, call (520) 323-6449.

NBA PLAYER WHO SHOUTED ANTI GAY SLURS NAMED LEAGUE MVP

PHILADELPHIA, PA (WS) - Allen Iverson, the Philadelphia 76er fined \$5,000 for shouting anti gay derogatory remarks at taunting fans in January, was named the NBA's most valuable player.

Iverson was honored after leading the 76ers to the best record in the East and their best season in 16 years. Joined by family, friends, and several teammates at a news conference, Iverson said he had wondered if he would ever reach this point. "I didn't know, because of all the baggage I came here with," Iverson said. "I was 20 years old, and people wanted me to be 30. I had no space for error."

Before the season began, Iverson had to overcome controversy surrounding the pending release of his debut rap CD, which contains lyrics that NBA commissioner David Stern called "coarse, offensive, and antisocial." Iverson said that he has grown up in the last year: "I'm still the same person, but I'm older, I'm wiser, and I'm more mature."

Positions Available At SAAF

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

Gay Men's Health Project Outreach Specialist: Energetic individual to provide outreach, recruitment, and health ed. for Gay and Bisexual men in so. AZ. Must be familiar with Gay bar culture and possess excellent communication skills. Bilingual/bicultural pref. Salary up to \$2,000, excellent benefits.

Volunteer Coordinator: Experienced volunteer professional to coordinate volunteers, manage speakers bureau, supervise volunteer work parties. Requires degree & experience in human services; public speaking & volunteer coordination experience. Salary up to \$23,000, excellent benefits.

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



Concern Over Gay Meningitis Deaths

TORONTO, Canada (NP) - Officials are concerned about a possible outbreak of meningitis after two Gay men succumbed to the disease last week.

The deaths of two Toronto men from meningitis last week have led health officials to blanket the Gay community there with warnings about a possible outbreak of the disease.

The men, who died on May 15 and 17 respectively, frequented Toronto's Gay bars and bathhouses. Those are climates, say officials, in which meningitis can be easily communicated from person to person. Transfer of saliva or secretions from an infected person's nose or mouth spreads the disease. Activities such as kissing, drinking from the same glass and sharing food, cigarettes or utensils are common ways that a person becomes infected.

"This isn't a general Toronto-wide issue," Dr. Elizabeth Rea of Toronto Public Health told The Toronto Star. "We're trying to alert people who might not otherwise have a way of knowing they were at risk." Rea said it is possible that hundreds of people were exposed.

Symptoms of meningitis include fever, headache, vomiting, stiff neck, rashes, drowsiness, confusion, convulsions and seizures. It can be treated with antibiotics.

According to the Toronto Star, no new cases of the infection have been reported to the Health Department since the warnings went out. The incubation period for meningitis is between two and 10 days.

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Non-Bar Calendar

Groups / Clubs / Organizations

WEDNESDAY, MAY 23

Bears of the Old Pueblo Coffee at Coffee Etc. at 7:00 p.m. 2830 N. Campbell. 881-9070. Coffee, food, conversation and Bears. Everyone is welcome.

SATURDAY, MAY 26

Tucson Prime Timers Breakfast 9:30 a.m. at The Good Egg, 7219 E. Speedway (NE corner Kellb). Call 529-9344 for details.

Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. Join Bill for a fun evening of Pinochle. Like all our games, we're willing to teach if you'd like to learn. It's a nice way to spend an evening with good guys! For reservations and directions, please call Bill at 297-3569.

SUNDAY, MAY 27

#1 Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 1:00 p.m. Art & Jeff host "Soup & Salad Cinema". They'll serve up a homemade soup, along with salad, and then show the film "The Journey of Jared Price" about a young man from the country who moves to LA. For reservations and directions, please call Jeff or Art at 762-9135.

#2 Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. The Tucson Pops present a concert under the stars, and the men of MSN invite you to join them as we listen to some classical/popular music on a warm, summer night. For more information, please contact T. Jay at 881-7919.

Tucson Knight Owls present "Hits Way Off Broadway" a benefit for T.I.H.A.N. at the Flamingo Hotel. Dinner at 6:30 p.m. and a big show at 8:00 p.m. Dinner and Show \$10.00 or the Show alone for \$5.00

Bears of the Old Pueblo Noon to 8:00 p.m. Memorial Day Weekend Pool Party. Hosted by Jimmie & Alan at 4450 E. Elmwood (323-7156). Great food, hot bears and cool pool. What a way to kick off the season! Bring something for the grill and a dish to share. Everyone is welcome.

MONDAY, MAY 28

Tucson Prime Timers Lunch 1:00 p.m. at Hometown Buffet, 5101 N Oracle (NW corner River). Call 529-9344 for details.

Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 6:30 p.m. The Triangle Tribe, a support group within MSN, meets every Monday at this time to explore relationships among men and learn about oneself. For more information, please contact Thomas at 318-1650.

TUESDAY, MAY 29

The Green Thursday Theatre Project will be holding auditions for their new production "Rain", a drag-camp parody based on the classic short story by Somerset Maugham. The auditions for Tucson's new queer and quirky theatre company will be from 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. at HazMat Gallery, 197 E. Toole. (By appointment only. Call 795-4322). Actors of color and transgendered actors are very much encouraged to audition.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 30

Tucson Prime Timers Dinner 6:00 p.m. at ELLE, 3048 E. Broadway (SW corner Country Club). Call 529-9344 for details.

7:00 p.m. Bears of the Old Pueblo Coffee at Coffee Etc., 2830 N. Campbell Ave. Coffee, food, conversation and bears. Everyone welcome.

FRIDAY, JUNE 1

#1. Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. Dave hosts a "Getting To Know You" Party. New to Tucson, he's hoping to meet new friends, so he's hosting his own party. For reservations and directions, please call 869-5087.

#2. Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 8:00 p.m. The men of MSN go out to hear the men of Reveille perform their latest concert: "Those Beautiful Girls". For tickets or more info, please contact Bill at 577-3481.

SATURDAY, JUNE 2

Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. Join us for our monthly Potluck and Social Gathering where we invite you to have dinner and get to know the nice guys of MSN. It's a nice, safe setting in which to meet new men and greet old friends. For reservations and directions, please call Jim at 740-1451.

SUNDAY, JUNE 3

#1. Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 8:00 a.m. Donn leads a tubing trip down the Salt River. This leisure trip down the river takes about 5 hours. For more information, please call Donn at 325-4257.

#2. Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. The Tucson Pops present a concert under the stars, and the men of MSN invite you to join them as we listen to some classical/popular music on a warm, summer night. For more information, please contact T. Jay at 881-7919.

MONDAY, JUNE 4

Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 6:30 p.m. The Triangle Tribe, a support group within MSN, meets every Monday at this time to explore relationships among men and learn about oneself. For more information, please contact Thomas at 318-1650.

TUESDAY, JUNE 5

#1. Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. Steve hosts Dinner Out at Trattoria Pina. This Italian eatery has a great reputation, and you're invited to join us for a pleasant evening with nice guys. For more information, please contact Steve at 545-4047.

BAR CALENDAR

OF UPCOMING EVENTS

WEDNESDAY, MAY 23

IBTS - 9:00 p.m. The "Girle Show" hosted by Lucinda Holiday featuring Janee Starr, Samantha White and Veronica Lake.

SUNDAY, MAY 27

IBTS - Party line-up includes Jeff's Bloody Mary Recovery Bar from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Karaoke with Billy Dee on the patio from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m., Benefit Bar-B-Que / Beer Bust from 5:30 to 8:00 p.m. This week's proceeds go to Reveille Gay Men's Chorus. Then at 8:00 p.m. a special Memorial Day Show featuring from Phoenix the fabulous musical talents of Mr. Kenny Thames.

MONDAY, MAY 28

IBTS - "Monday Morning Madness" -the most decadent drag show of the year. 11:00 a.m. featuring Lucinda Holiday, Mr. Kenneth Blake, from Phoenix Phaedra and Miss Tabatha. Plus, to top off the Memorial Day madness IBT's Community Bar-B-que served from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

VENTURE-N - A Special Memorial Day Bar-B-Que served here from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Plus join in on TKO's Spring Fling Poker Run and meet their out-of-town guests. Schnapps specials.

WOODY'S - Celebrate Memorial Day here with a Recovery Party featuring \$1.75 Bloody Marys all day, Minnosas \$1.50 plus Bud and Bud Light Pints 50¢ plus Volleyball all day. The patio bar will be open! And wrap up the day with Karaoke with Billy Dee at 9:00 p.m.

YARD DOG SALOON - Empire Levi-Leathermen present "Lazy Dog Afternoon" a benefit for TIHAN, 4:00 to 6:00 on the patio: hot dogs, foot longs, hot links, sausages plus a dog show! Prizes for the best dressed dog (2 or 4 legged dogs can enter) Then at 10:00 p.m. until closing the Tucson Knight Owls "Hits Off Broadway" show cast party with \$1.50 well, 75¢ draft beer or \$2.25 pitchers. Party!

WEDNESDAY, MAY 30

IBT's - "The Girle Show" hosted by Lucinda Holiday featuring Naomi Knight, Mr. Kenneth Blake and Samantha White.



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#2. Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. Our twice-monthly Bridge Night is a good place to play a friendly game of bridge with nice guys. If you don't know how to play, this is a good place to start. For more information, please contact Michael at 326-3555.

THURSDAY, JUNE 7

Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. Join Les & Jerry for the MSN Premiere of "Further Tales of the City", the latest installment of the Armistead Maupin stories. There is limited space, so you need to call quickly to be sure you get to see it. For reservations, please call Les at 690-9565.

FRIDAY, JUNE 8

Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. Hearts is the game, and the night is devoted to all lovers of this vicious, but fun card game. If you don't know how to play, it's easy to learn, and we'd be glad to teach you. For reservations and directions, please call Arlan at 323-7414.

SATURDAY, JUNE 9

#1. Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 a.m. Gene and Rich lead the group on a birding expedition along the Catalina Highway. For more information, please contact Gene at 625-8109.

#2. Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 10:00 a.m. Bill will be hosting a Matinee Club outing to a local theatre to see a current movie. For movie choice, theatre location and time, please call Bill at 297-3569.

#3. Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. Join Bill for a fun evening of Pinochle. Like all our games, we're willing to teach if you'd like to learn. It's a nice way to spend an evening with good guys! For reservations and directions, please call Bill at 297-3569.

SUNDAY, JUNE 10

#1. Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 6:00 p.m. Join Jerry and Les for the latest installment of "Queer As Folk". We'll watch episodes #19 & 20. For reservations and directions, please call Jerry at 690-9565.

#2. Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. The Tucson Pops present a concert under the stars, and the men of MSN invite you to join them as we listen to some classical/popular music on a warm, summer night. For more information, please contact T. Jay at 881-7919.

#3. Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 8:00 p.m. MSN will host an Open Meeting to get your input on what the group is doing now and what it might be doing in the future. For reservations and directions, please call Les at 690-9565.

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 airloin burger or chicken 5:30-9:30pm. Karaoke with Billy Dee 9pm to close.

YARD DOG - Open Sundays 10am - 1am. Bloody marys. 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 - AOL employees.

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

Tuesday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BUSINESS - Happy Hour Two-For-One 2-7pm. Pool toumey 7:30pm \$3 entry, pot matched. \$1.50 longnecks for pool players. \$2 Pitchers all nite. Country music with DJ S. 8:30 to closing.

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 BUSINESS - Happy Hour 2-4-1 from 2-7. Dance music with DJ S. 9pm-close. \$2 Long Island and \$1 Puckers all night.

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. Hot Dogs 50¢, \$1.50 small pitcher Bud & Bud Light 5-9pm. Patio bar open 7pm-Midnight.
 YARD DOG - Open daily 6am. 50¢ off any Vodka until 7pm

Thursday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BUSINESS - Karaoke w/Stephanie 9-close. \$2 Kamikazees and \$1 Hot Sex.

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 BUSINESS - 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 BUSINESS - 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 Toumey 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.

NOTICES

SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED DISEASE CLINIC provided daily by the Pima County Health Department. Gay friendly. Confidential. Treatment and Medication too! Any questions? Call 624-6272

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

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

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

TUCSON GLBT ALANON 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 529-8344, leave name and phone number.

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

AIDS HOTLINE - 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, 6809 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, 3289 N. Mountain. Have any history/experience singing? Join us!! Call 617-3100 for more info.

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

GAY OR BI-SEXUAL MEN in relationships with women. Need friends you can talk to? Weekly support group meets Wednesdays 6:30 - 8:00 pm. Licensed psychologist facilitator. Call 745-8977 in Tucson for more information. Strictly confidential.

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

SUPPORT GROUP: Gays, Lesbians and Bisexuals meet weekly for open discussions in a loving, supportive atmosphere. Meetings Thursdays from 7:30 to 9:30 pm at St. Francis in the foothills Church, Swan and River Road, Room 43. For more information call the church at 289-9063 and ask for a contact person.

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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 64-G, Cortaro, AZ 85652.

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BEARS OF THE OLD PUEBLO - a social club for bears and bigger, more robust men (and of course, those who prefer their company). For more info, Call the Bears Hotline (520)790-5775 or write P.O. Box 43910, Tucson, AZ 85733-3910 of visit our website at www.bolop.com All are welcome to our general meetings/potlucks on the 2nd Friday of every month, 7pm at Sentinel Bldg. On the City of Tucson Resource Campus, 310 N. Commerce Park Loop on Borita St. between St. Marys and Congress.

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NOTICES

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CARE TEAMS ARE AVAILABLE to offer support to people living with HIV/AIDS. The Tucson Interfaith HIV/AIDS Network offers trained, compassionate and committed volunteers to provide services including friendly visits, light housekeeping, assistance with meals, shopping, errands, transportation and companionship for medical appointments, and respite care for primary care givers. No judgement or proselytizing - we are here to be of service. For information call Scott at 299-8847.

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

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 MENS 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 815-8436 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 8 weeks. 694-7093.

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

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

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

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

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

TUCSON CATHOLIC GAY & LESBIAN FAMILY MINISTRY. Currently meeting the 4th Monday of every month at 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 293-8624.

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 888-5541

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

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

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

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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.

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

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

Join the **LESBIAN & GAY PUBLIC AWARENESS PROJECT**. In Tucson write Awareness Project, 3683 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 690-8585 for information and a newsletter. Check the Non-Bar Calendar in the Observer.

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TUCSON INTERFAITH HIV/AIDS NETWORK (TIHAN), a coalition of faith communities committed to a compassionate response to HIV/AIDS, provides HIV education in congregational settings, volunteer CareTeams to support HIV+ persons, a referral network of HIV-sensitive clergy, and interfaith services of healing and hope. For more information call 299-6847.

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 791-7678.

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 Staigh 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 (ewelten@ix.netcom.com)

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

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

THEATER / DINNER / ETCI 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 Gitz (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/sagaemail>

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Minnesota Sodomy Law Struck Down

MINNEAPOLIS, MA (NP) - A judge has ruled that Minnesota's sodomy law illegally pries into people's private lives - even when it is not enforced.

A Minnesota court has struck down that state's sodomy law as an unconstitutional invasion of personal privacy.

Hennepin County Judge Delila F. Pierce granted a summary judgment request from seven individual plaintiffs and the Lavender Bar Association, declaring the statute unconstitutional "as applied to private, consensual, non-commercial acts of sodomy by consenting adults, because it violates the right of privacy guaranteed by the Minnesota Constitution."

"This is a tremendous victory -- because of what sodomy laws do, but also because of what they say," said Matt Coles, director of the American Civil Liberty Union's Lesbian & Gay Rights Project, which, along with the ACLU's Minnesota state affiliate, filed *Doc, et al. v. (Gov.) Jesse Ventura, et al.* last summer. "A society's laws are its core statement of right and wrong. Sodomy laws, because they are understood to primarily apply to Lesbians and Gay men, marginalize Gay people and their pursuit of equal citizenship," said Coles.

In a hearing before Pierce on April 19, attorneys representing the plaintiffs argued that the existence of the law on the state's books impacted their lives, even though none of them had actually been arrested for or charged with acts of sodomy.

A quadriplegic man identified as "John Doe" signed on as a plaintiff because he is capable of sexual intimacy with his wife only in forms criminalized by the state law.

Plaintiff Mark Roe, a married elementary school teacher, said he could lose his credentials if he were cited for breaking the sodomy law.

Another plaintiff, Kim Nyhus, a divorced Gay man, joined the case because he risks losing visitation rights with his children because of his violation of the sodomy ban.

Other plaintiffs cited the possibility of being evicted from rental properties because of their criminal records.

Additionally, doctors' and lawyers' professional licensure could be affected. In a memorandum attached to Pierce's judgment, the judge noted that the state application for a medical license requires applicants to swear that they have "not engaged in any of the acts prohibited by the statutes of Minnesota." A similar requirement exists in the Rules of Professional Conduct for Minnesota attorneys.

Gay and Lesbian Rights Project attorney Leslie Cooper said the attorney general might file a motion asking the judge to limit the ruling's effect to only the plaintiffs listed in the suit. But ACLU attorneys will request that the court certify the case as a class action suit -- a move that, according to Cooper, would leave "absolutely no question" that the sodomy law could not be enforced directly or indirectly against anyone in the state.

"It's unfathomable that the Ventura Administration would want the court to limit this ruling," Cooper said. "The sodomy law has been declared unconstitutional -- and the state has no good reason to say that it should be unconstitutional from some people, but not everyone."

The Minnesota ruling comes on the heels of a similar court decision in Arkansas and the repeal of Arizona's sodomy law by that state's legislature. Fifteen other states have laws prohibiting oral and anal sex between consenting adults, according to the ACLU.

Entertainment Briefs

During the airing of the Daytime Emmy Awards, Rosie O'Donnell clutched her Emmy for best talk show host and thanked "Kelli, who slept on the floor of the ICU and kept them from cutting off my finger. I love you!" Village Voice columnist Michael Musto reports that the Kelli in question is Kelli Carpenter, a woman who has been documented in tabloid stories as Rosie's life partner.

The Producers walked off with 11 Drama Desk Awards on Sunday night, according to The Hollywood Reporter. This is the most awards ever taken by a single show; the previous record was nine, held by Sweeney Todd (1979) and City of Angels (1990). The Producers won for best new musical, while Nathan Lane won for best actor in a musical, making this his fifth Drama Desk win. Out performer Gary Beach won as best featured actor in a musical for his flamboyant turn in the show. Awards also went to Susan Stroman for direction of a musical and choreography.

Out comedian Ellen DeGeneres—who will be returning to prime time in her new sitcom, *Ellen*, again, this fall—will be hosting this year's Emmy Awards, according to The Hollywood Reporter. The show will be broadcast live from the Shrine Auditorium in Los Angeles on September 16. DeGeneres has cohosted the show before, sharing the duties with Home Improvement's Patricia Richardson, in 1994.

Charles Nelson Reilly—quiz-show mainstay, Tony-winning actor, and Tony-nominated director—will kick off the pride season of San Francisco's New Conservatory Theatre Center with his one-man show, *Save It for the Stage: The Life of Reilly*. The season will also include the San Francisco Bay area premiere of *The Last Session*, the award-winning AIDS-themed musical by Jim Brochu and Steve Schachin; Terrence McNally's classic bathhouse farce, *The Ritz*; and the homoerotic take on a classic, Shakespeare's *R&J*, by Joe Calarco. Reilly's show will open in previews August 8.

Tony Curtis will be featured in a staged musical version of the cross-dressing classic *Some Like It Hot*. This time around, though, Curtis will be playing the eccentric millionaire Osgood Fielding III rather than donning high heels as he did in the original film version. The musical was originally mounted in 1972 under the title *Sugar* since the rights to the film's title were unobtainable at that time. The current production, under the new but old moniker *Some Like It Hot*, is scheduled to open July 27, 2002, at the Aladdin Resort and Casino in Las Vegas, followed by a national tour.

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