



Salvation Army Cites Bush Help In Fight Against Hiring Gays & Lesbians

WASHINGTON, DC - The Bush administration is working with the nation's largest charity, the Salvation Army, to make it easier for government-funded religious groups to practice hiring discrimination against Gays and Lesbians, according to an internal Salvation Army document, the Washington Post reported.

The White House has made a "firm commitment" to the Salvation Army to issue a regulation protecting such charities from state and city efforts to prevent discrimination against Gays in hiring and domestic-partner benefits, according to the Salvation Army report. The Salvation Army, in turn, has agreed to use its clout to promote the administration's "faith-based" social services initiative, which seeks to direct more government funds to religious charities.

The document offers a rare glimpse into the private dealings of the Bush White House, and it suggests President Bush is willing to achieve through regulation ends too controversial to survive the legislative process. It also underscores the close allegiance between the administration and conservative groups.

The matter stems from a national debate spurred by an increasing number of local jurisdictions that have adopted laws requiring religious groups such as the

Salvation Army to adhere to laws barring discrimination against Gays in hiring, job promotion and benefits. What the administration is suggesting, according to the document, is a federal regulation that would forbid states and localities from barring such discrimination when administering programs with federal funds.

The Salvation Army, a Christian social services organization with an extensive network of facilities to feed, clothe and shelter the poor, would not be affected much in the short term by the president's proposal on faith-based services. It already receives nearly \$300 million a year in government money. But the report indicates the administration is eager to use the Salvation Army's clout to pass the legislation, offering the charity something it wants in return.

"It is important that The Army's support for the White House's activities occur simultaneously with efforts to achieve The Army's objectives," said the document, which was obtained by The Washington Post. "The White House has already said that they are committed to move on The Army's objectives when the legislation carrying the charitable choice provisions passes the House of Representatives."

The White House said that the organization's claim of a "firm commit-

ment" overstated the case. "This is an issue that was brought to our attention, but no such commitment has been made," White House spokeswoman Anne Womack said.

White House press secretary Ari Fleischer added that faith-based groups already have the power under federal law to discriminate against Gays in hiring. It is state and local laws that try to impose on groups to include Gays in their employment protections.

The report, dated May 1, defines the charity's "objectives" as making sure states and localities can't "impose the category of sexual orientation to the list of anti-discrimination protections" or mandate "equal benefits to domestic partnership" unless religious nonprofits are exempt from such provisions. George Hood, a senior official with the Salvation Army, said the group never discriminates in delivering its services, but on the question of hiring Gay employees, "it really begins to chew away at the theological fabric of who we are."

The "charitable choice" provisions, which the Salvation Army is helping the administration to sell, are at the heart of the controversy over Bush's religious charities initiative and raise the fundamental and thorny question of whether religious organizations can keep their long-held exemption from federal anti-discrimination laws

when they receive government funds.

Under the 1996 welfare reform law, the charitable choice provision allows religious organizations to compete for federal funding for certain programs without impairing the charities' religious character, as long as the charities don't use federal funds for worship or proselytizing. Bush would extend the charitable choice provisions to other programs.

Under the 1964 Civil Rights Act, religious organizations have an exemption that allows them to discriminate in hiring on the basis of religion. Bush's proposal, as passed recently by the House Judiciary Committee, says religious charities cannot discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age or disability - but it says nothing about sexual orientation.

The Salvation Army proposed a new regulation, revising an Office of Management and Budget regulation known as "Circular #A-102." The new wording would say agencies cannot award assistance to local or state authorities that require religious charities to "adopt terms or practices for those with religious responsibilities" or to provide employment benefits, if the practices or benefits "are inconsistent with the beliefs and practices" of the charity.

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Tucson Firefighter Guilty In Assault On 'Perceived' Homosexual

TUCSON - A firefighter was convicted of assault in a case in which prosecutors said he committed a hate crime, the Arizona Daily Star reported.

In June, prosecutors filed an allegation of a hate-motivated offense against Franchot Opela.

They said Opela, 27, beat Fabian Padilla on Feb. 9, 2000, outside the Risky Business bar, 6866 E. Sunrise Drive, because of Opela's "perception of the victim's sexual orientation," Deputy County Attorney Jeff Jacobson said.

Padilla testified that Opela called him a "faggot" as he walked outside to smoke a cigarette. The two started arguing and then traded blows.

Although two other men became involved in the fracas, witnesses yesterday testified it ended with Padilla flat on the ground as Opela beat on him with both fists.

Opela and several of his friends at the bar then drove away, leaving Padilla bleeding at the scene.

Justice of the Peace Susan Bacal found Opela guilty of misdemeanor assault.

Bacal sentenced him to 12 months of unsupervised probation, 40 hours of community service and eight hours of anger counseling.

She also ordered him to attend "sensitivity training" before the year's end. Opela's attorney, Larry Lingeman, could not be reached for comment.

Opela was also ordered to stay away from Padilla; he must pay a \$1,500 fine if he does not complete the rest of the sentence.

"I don't think it was fair," Padilla said. "I don't think there is anything I want to say right now."

County Attorney Jacobson said he thought the sentence should have been more severe.

"Firefighters have a special relationship of trust in the community to pro-

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1990 Census Made G/L Couples Straight

HACKENSACK, NJ (BR) - The four- and five-fold increase in the number of same-sex households recorded by the 2000 census may have less to do with changes in the form than changes in the way the Census Bureau tallied these households.

Same-sex couples who identified as "spouses" in the 1990 census were very likely to be "reallocated" by the bureau to read as roommates, siblings or parent and child (in the case of a 15 year age difference by respondents).

The most common change made to same-sex spouse data, however, was even more profound. "The most likely case was they were turned into opposite-sex married couples," Greg Spencer, chief of the Census Bureau's population projections branch, told The Record. Only a minority, he said, survived as "unmarried partners."

"What happened in 1990 is outrageous, though it's not surprising considering the political climate," said David Smith of the Human Rights Campaign. "Whether it was malice or ignorance that prompted them to 'reallocate' us, the outcome was the same. It kept Gays invisible, and that's

offensive."

1990 was the first year the government attempted to measure the number of Gay households. The trouble occurred when respondents of the same sex checked off "spouse" instead of "unmarried partner," an option added that year.

The Record says that if a male respondent reported he was married and living with a man he identified as his spouse, the computer would flag the inconsistency and "fix" it.

"My decision was to accept as much of the given data as possible," Spencer said. "So if they said they were married and were spouses but were also the same sex, that meant we blanked on their gender," meaning the sex of the other household member was "adjusted" to "correct" the mistake.

In other instances, census computers changed "inconsistent answers" to match those of neighbors in the "closely proximate geographic area." Gay "spouses"

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'Scouting For All' Rally To Be Held In Tucson

TUCSON - Rallies in Tucson and across the country will be held the week of August 19, to encourage the Boy Scouts to change their policy with respect to homosexuals, so that all boys can benefit from their program.

Organizing these rallies is Scouting for All, a national organization started two years ago by Scott Cozza, a straight Scout, motivated when a friend of the family was outed to the local council chapter and was no longer allowed to be a troop leader.

This year's theme is a "Tribute to Gay Scouts and All Gay Youth."

Tucsonan Judy Wylene has volunteered to oversee the rally in Tucson and is looking for people to help organize the event, and wants to find Gay Tucsonans who are a Scout, or a former Scout and willing to speaking about what Scouting meant to them before an assembled crowd.

For more information, call (520) 731-1709 or E-mail: jbwylene@bot-mail.com

AGRA Contestants Buckle Big In Western Rodeos

PHOENIX - The month of June had AGRA contestants traveling to rodeo's in Salt Lake City, UT, San Jose, CA and to Calgary, Canada.

The Salt Lake City rodeo, which was their second annual, was held on June 2 & 3. Team Arizona placed third for the weekend. Cowgirls Claire Miller and Flavia Kreig and cowboys Chuck Browning, Kris Eisenhut, Brian Helander, Matt Hill, Dan Iversen & Will Lann all won ribbons or placed in the top eight.

The Bay Area Regional Rodeo was held in San Jose Ca on June 16 & 17.

Although the competition was dominated by GSGRA (they have four chapters state wide) Brian Helander earned a buckle by placing first in Calf Roping on Foot. Chuck placed second in Bare Back Bronc riding & Chuck Browning and Brian Helander still placed fifth for the weekend in Goat Dressing. The weekend of June 29 found AGRA contestants at the Canadian Rockies International Gay Rodeo in Calgary. Chuck and Brian placed first, winning a buckle in the team event of Goat Dressing. Lester Liu of AGRA and his rodeo partner David Westman of CGRA placed fifth in this event.

Brian and Chuck & team mate Desiree Gronwald of ARGRA also won a buckle in the team event of Wild Drag Race. Brian buckled again placing first in Chute Dogging, in which Chuck took second place. Chuck went on to buckle also in Bull Riding, Calf Roping on Foot, Flag Race and he also took home the buckle for "All Around Cowboy" in which Brian placed second.

Spiritual & Creativity Workshop July 28

TUCSON - The Spiritual Center, an ecumenical project for spiritual growth and development, will host an experiential workshop, Spirituality and Creativity: Expressing the Life Within on Saturday, July 28, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Tucson Pima Public Library, River Road Branch, 5605 River Road, Tucson.

The inner stirrings of the spiritual life are difficult for us to express. Sometimes, we don't recognize them. Other times, feelings well up within us that are beyond what words can describe. This experiential workshop, incorporating brief presentations, discussions, guided meditation, and creative expression, will provide you with the opportunity to identify moments in your every day life which may be called "spiritual." You will have the opportunity to examine the impact and meaning these moments have in your life. You will

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GLEN VOGT MEMORIAL, JULY 21

TUCSON - On Saturday, July 21, 10:00 a.m., a Service of Remembrance and New Life will be held at St. Francis in the Foothills Methodist Church, 4625 E. River Road, (NW Corner of River and Swan).

Glen would want all of his friends to be comfortable, so wear casual clothing.

In lieu of flowers, donations in his memory may be sent to TIHAN, 429 N. Alvernon, Tucson, AZ 85711.

POZ Cafe July 19

TUCSON - People living with HIV are invited to Poz Cafe, a complimentary lunch along with social and recreational activities on Thursday, July 19. Poz Cafe is located at St. Francis in the Foothills UMC (corner of Swan and River Roads). Doors open at 11:30 a.m., with lunch served at noon. Following lunch there will be several games of Bingo (with prizes!), other board and card games, or a chance to be creative with crafts, or just sit and chat with friends. Game, social and craft time will end at 2:30 p.m.

Volunteers from Casas Adobes United Congregational Church are hosting a cool summer lunch that will feature Tuna Salad or Chicken Salad Sandwiches, Fresh Cole Slaw, and Macaroni Salad. The dessert will be Sliced Strawberries in Strawberry Kefir over Angel Food Cake. A selection of beverages, including iced tea and coffee will be available, and a hospital-ity table with punch and snacks.

Like all TIHAN programs, it's Gay-friendly, free of charge, and no proselytizing or evangelizing is permitted. Each HIV+ person may have one adult guest accompany them if they so choose. (Each guest-partner, spouse, friend, volunteer--will be reminded of confidentiality concerns.) This luncheon is fully sponsored, courtesy of generous support from the Arizona Gay Rodeo Association, St. Francis in the Foothills United Methodist Church, and other caring individuals and congregations of TIHAN.

Reservations are requested and transportation can be provided with advance notice simply through one phone call to the TIHAN office. For more information about POZ Cafe, or to make your reservations or request transportation, call the TIHAN office at (520) 299-6647 by July 16. Transportation deadline is Wednesday Noon, July 18.

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NEA Withdraws Resolution In Face Of Protests

LOS ANGELES, CA - The National Education Association dropped consideration of a resolution urging schools to develop materials supporting the struggles of Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgendered students and staff, the Los Angeles Times reports.

NEA officials will instead urge the teachers' union to form a task force to explore the issue "in a holistic, reasoned way" before taking any further action.

Some 600 protesters showed up at the NEA meeting outside the city's convention center to express their opposition to a proposal that looked so favorably on a Gay issue. Predictably, many said the proposal was a tool to "recruit" young people into "the Gay lifestyle."

NEA leaders denied the protests had anything to do with their decision to drop the resolution. "This is an emotional topic for everyone, and we believe a task force is the best way to first hear everyone's voice and then develop actions that will create safer schools for children and staff," said Cathy Figel of the NEA's Gay and Lesbian Caucus.

The resolution urges the development of curriculum and instructional materials to assist LGBT students and supports the creation of programs that address unique problems these students face in terms of depression, suicide and "health risk behaviors."

The resolution encourages the development of district wide programs that

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focus on the heritage, culture and history of Gay people to instill a sense of pride and respect for an often reviled minority.

Talking to reporters, NEA President Bob Chase denounced the protest as "demagoguery" that ignores the needs of LGBT children. "Even though they may call themselves Focus on the Family, they are losing focus on kids, and what the needs are of our kids," he said.

"We have a responsibility to help," Chase continued. "That's our responsibility as educators, it's our responsibility as adults. We also have a responsibility to make sure that the rights of our members are protected."

A report in May from Human Rights Watch indicated Gay and Lesbian students in the nation's public schools face pervasive discrimination not only from peers but also from teachers, administrators and other school officials.

Coalition Calls For Boycott Of Abercrombie

NEW YORK, NY (NP) - An unusual coalition of liberals and conservatives is pushing to bring clothes back to Abercrombie & Fitch's quarterly magazines, which feature a land of bare breasts and behinds. But with a new catalog hitting stores, it's unclear if the boycott campaign is hitting the Gay-friendly company where it's most vulnerable - in the minds of customers and stockholders.

Critics say Abercrombie & Fitch is exposing minors to a "soft porn" world of nudity, blatant sexuality and unattainable ideals. "We don't need to be using sex to sell clothing to our children," Corinne Wood, the lieutenant governor of Illinois, said in a recent television interview.

With the support of a National Organization for Women (NOW) chapter, Wood is leading the effort to boycott Abercrombie & Fitch until it clamps down on the sexuality of the quarterly magazine. The \$6 publication features stories, photographs (many by Gay icon Bruce Weber) and a small section of merchandise for sale. The company's main catalog is printed separately.

While Abercrombie & Fitch sells an upscale line of clothes, many of the magazine models don't bother to wear any. In fact, Wood alleges that the summer 2001 issue has "35 percent more nudity" than the previous edition.

Some photos have subtle Gay or homoerotic themes, with nude or scantily clad men hanging out in suggestive positions, but others are more obvious. The Christmas 2000 catalog, for instance, featured a photo shoot of a double wedding of a straight couple and a Lesbian couple.

While one of the Lesbians in the wedding theme was portrayed as Jewish, the models in the magazines are rarely minorities. But that's not what's raising the ire of the critics.

NOW thinks the magazine may encourage eating disorders among teenagers, said Catherine Caporusso, vice president of the Chicago chapter. "It just sends the message that if you don't look like this, you cannot be attractive."

The Illinois Coalition Against Domestic Violence is also boycotting. "Young men and women need role models that promote responsible behavior," the organization says. "A&F's depiction of multiple naked men surrounding a teen-aged girl (14-15 years of age), suggests a behavior opposite of being responsible."

Abercrombie & Fitch defends its magazine, pointing out that it is only sold to people over 18 who have proper identification. "The quarterly is targeted to the college student," the company said in a statement. "And like other products that are geared to the adult market, we have gone to great lengths to make sure that only they can buy it."

Abercrombie & Fitch stockholders seem to be ignoring the boycott. The company's stock closed at \$43 a share on Thursday, July 5, up a whopping 380 percent from \$11.38 a year ago.

It's not known if the stores have noticed any decline in sales. "The irony of the boycotts of the right wing usually is that they're professing to boycott something that they're not buying anyway," said Mike Wilke, a New York City advertising historian and creator of the Commercial Closet, a project that studies advertising with Gay themes. "The most that they're achieving is bringing media attention to the very thing that they're opposing."

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Bunny FuFu

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In the end, the judges awarded Bunny FuFu the coveted title. All the performers, contestants and Paragon Productions are to be congratulated for a fun and eventful evening.

Green Thursday Theatre Adapts Maughm's 'Rain' For The Monsoon Season

TUCSON - Green Thursday Theatre Project, Tucson's queer and quirky theatre collective, announces our first ever summer production, *Rain: or How to Survive the Monsoon*, adapted from a 1921 story by Somerset Maugham (a queer!) by director John Kingsbury (also a queer!).

Rain previews Wednesday, August 1, opens Thursday, August 2 and plays Thursday through Sunday nights for 12 performances through August 18, 2001 at Muse (formerly the International Arts Center) at 516 N. 5th Avenue.

Maugham's story was set on the remote island of Pago Pago, where five travelers are stranded by the onset of the monsoons and forced to wait out the storm together. Among the travelers are: a missionary and his wife, a doctor and his wife, and a woman of questionable background who has a taste for the soldiers stationed nearby. The preacher makes it his mission to convert the shady lady into a God-fearing Christian, sparking a battle of wills that produces some startling results.

Kingsbury and the Green Thursday company (full of queers!) strands the party in the present day setting of Why, Arizona, a seedy border town about to be drenched by the oncoming monsoons. The missionary, Reverend Jerry Fillwell, is now a televangelist, with a wife who makes Tammy Faye look like a low-key earth mama. The soldiers are now the border patrol, with libidos as big as all Mexico, and the good time girl, Chocha Conhuevos,

may or may not be "anatomically correct." Raunchy, ridiculous and full of laughs, this new twist on the old melodrama boils down to the struggle for sexual, social and moral freedom that still exists daily against the influence of the religious "right."

Rain was originally adapted for the stage in 1923, and has been a vehicle for three of the baddest "bad girls" of film: Gloria Swanson (1928), Joan Crawford (1932) and Rita Hayworth (1954). It was also filmed in 1946 with an all black cast with the title *Dirty Gertrude* from Harlem.

Formed in the winter of 2000, Green Thursday Theatre Project is dedicated to producing cutting edge theatre with a queer (in all its definitions) bent. Previous productions include *The Eight: Reindeer Monologues* in December 2000 and Joe Calarco's *Shakespeare's R&J* in March, both well-received by critics and audiences.

The designers and cast: John Kingsbury, director, Christopher Jones, production designer, Maggie MacFarland, costume designer, Jay C. Cotner, Sergeant O'Harda, David E. Hoffman, Mrs. Jerry Fillwell, David Morden, Reverend Jerry Fillwell, Adrienne Perry, Dr. MacPhailed, RJ Smith, Joe Horny, Jessica Tvordi, Private Griggs, Travis Wright, Chocha Conhuevos.

Tickets are \$10, \$8 for students, senior citizens and groups. Reservations can be made by calling (520) 795-4322, or emailing info@greenthursday.org.

The Arts

"Don Juan In Hell" will be held over through July 22. The Live Theatre Workshop's version of George Bernard Shaw's play will run Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday at 3:00 p.m. Tickets are \$12.00 with discounts for students, seniors and military personnel.

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"We suggested the amendment to OMB Circular #A-102 to staff at the White House Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives as one potential solution," says the 79-page Salvation Army document, addressed to the group's national commander and chief secretary. "They agreed that this approach would be a better alternative than the legislative process, which is more time-consuming and more visible."

"I was told last week there would be a change in the [regulatory] language," Theresa Whitfield, a spokeswoman for the Salvation Army, said.

Hood said the charity has "no formal agreement" with the White House but that the group is backing the legislation primarily to get regulatory action from the administration. "It's the preservation of our employment practices that motivates us to support this," he said, noting that such practices are central to the group's "theological foundation."

The Salvation Army report explicitly links the two aims: "(White House officials) first want to move the charitable choice provisions in the legislation and use the political momentum of this effort to push forward religious exemptions to domestic partnership benefit ordinances and municipal contract clauses that protect against any form of sexual orientation discrimination."

The report also offers an image of the Salvation Army starkly different from that of volunteers ringing bells outside shopping malls at Christmas -- a notion that concerns the charity. "The Salvation Army's role will be a surprise to many in the media," it says, urging efforts to "minimize the possibility of any 'leak' to the media."

Various states and localities have added domestic partner rights and sexual orientation clauses to their anti-discrimination laws -- spurred in part by Tucson's severing of its relationship with the Boy Scouts of America because that group discriminates against Gays. In April, the Maryland legislature passed a law making it the 12th state to outlaw discrimination against Gays in areas such as employment, housing and public accommodations. "A new trend, which commenced in the City of Tucson, is now designed to eliminate all municipal relationships with organizations that discriminate on the basis of sexual orientation in any form," the Salvation Army document says.

The Salvation Army projects spending \$88,000 to \$110,000 a month in its endeavor to boost Bush's charitable choice effort. It has hired lobbying and strategy concerns to help.

"The Army will step forward during visits by more than 100 divisional command members to Congressional offices, encouraging support for the charitable choice provisions in a prearranged agreement with the White House," the report says.

Although neither the Senate's nor the House's version of the legislation provides the discrimination provisions the Salvation Army seeks, enacting either one, the report says, "could be the strategic springboard for the White House to act on the proposed amendment to OMB Circular #A-102."

The White House denied on Tuesday that it had made a firm commitment to the Salvation Army, America's largest charity, to issue a regulation exempting

such charities from having to hire homosexuals.

White House spokesman Ari Fleischer said the Salvation Army had misinterpreted the Bush administration in an internal Salvation Army document.

Asked if the Salvation Army had misinterpreted the White House position, Fleischer told reporters: "Yes, and they've been advised of that."

Fleischer said the White House had "absolutely not" made a deal with the Salvation Army to issue such a regulation in exchange for the organization's support of Bush's faith-based plan, a top priority of his administration.

As the story was reported nationwide, President Bush refused a request for a regulation exempting religious charities like the Salvation Army from having to hire homosexuals.

Aides said the White House had reviewed the Salvation Army request and decided that language in current law and as proposed in Bush's faith-based initiative already protect religious charities from hiring people who do not share their faith.

"These protections ensure that religious organizations have the right to hire individuals who share their religious faith. They also ensure that such organizations comply with civil rights laws," said White House spokesman Ari Fleischer.

David Smith, spokesman for the Human Rights Campaign, which represents the Gay and Lesbian community, said the decision meant the status quo was maintained.

But he said the group still had concerns, and would work with Congress to address them, to ensure that civil rights laws that include sexual orientation protections in 12 states and 122 communities be respected in regard to the distribution of federal funds to religious charities.

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Dear Dr. X:

After years of knowing I was born in the wrong body, I recently began making the change from female to male. It has been scary sometimes, but also exciting. I feel fortunate to have started my transition here in Tucson, especially because of groups like TGNET Arizona and SAGA. I found it was easier to be a guy online through TGNET Arizona. Once I was more confident, I started going to SAGA meetings in person, and the support I have gotten has been amazing.

Okay, enough of the shameless plugs, the real reason I am writing to you is because my love life has been pretty much non-existent since I started transition. I used to date men, but the dynamic never felt right as a woman. The more I am becoming a guy, the more I am realizing that I am still attracted to men, and have started identifying as a Gay man. I'm not really ready for a serious relationship, but would like to date, or at least try flirting a little. I just don't know how to meet other guys. Any suggestions?

Signed New Gay Guy

Dear New Gay Guy:

Congratulations on this exciting and scary life change! The eternal question every Gay man seems to ask is "Where do I meet men?"

The first question I have for you is what type of man are you attracted to? Is he hairy or smooth? A homebody or the outdoors type? Older or younger? The list can go on and on. One of the biggest problems is that we want to meet men but have no idea what type of man we are interested in. That is a good starting point. Once you have an idea of the type of man you want, see if there are any groups in town that cater to these types of guys or bars where they may hang out. This is a great way to not just meet potential guys to date, but to also form some new friendships and a great way to feel comfortable in a new group.

Tucson has several groups for Gay men such as Bears of the Old Pueblo,

Men's Social Network (MSN), T-Squares (Gay square dance club), and several others. I have found that one of the easiest ways to flirt with men is if you can find a common interest to start the conversation. This is a great icebreaker and can get a great conversation going. It could also lead to hanging out, getting to know each other better and possibly a date. Good luck and let me know how things go.

Dear Readers:

Dr X. made a mistake and needs to clear things up. Last week one of our readers submitted a letter and in it stated, "The second problem is I have had an AIDS diagnosis for a few months, but this may be temporary." I never really commented on this issue and have received several questions/comments regarding this. It is true that once your t-cell count drops below 200 you officially have an AIDS diagnosis, and this diagnosis is forever.

Most people with HIV/AIDS will have t-cell counts that range from below or above 200 over the course of their illness depending on their health and the drug regime they are taking. So, even if your t-cell count has been below 200, but lately your body is reacting well to the drugs and goes above 200 you will still have that AIDS diagnosis. Also, a persons' viral load can range from undetectable to varying levels depending on the drugs. If your viral load is undetectable this does not mean you are no longer infected.

All it means is that the drugs you are taking for HIV are working. You also need to know that if you are HIV+ and have an undetectable viral load that you can still infect someone. This is a scary rumor that has been going around that we wanted to nip in the bud. You may also want to know that a person who is not infected with HIV will have a t-cell count ranging from 800 - 1200. I hope this clears things up.

[Have a question for Dr. X? Contact him at GMHP@SAAF.Org or www.gmhp.org or SAAF, 375 S. Euclid, Tucson, AZ 85719, Attn: Dr. X.]

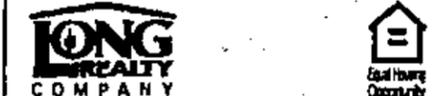
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Gerry Curl, one of MSN's founders, said, "We want to stress the fact that the activities are open to all ages and abilities. We're looking for players, coaches, and support staff, including sponsors. Men who have a desire to learn to play, but have no experience are also invited to attend. Please call Bill at 297-3569 if you are interested."



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SEPTEMBER 24 - OCTOBER 23
Even the most diplomatic of Gay Libras can't help but place their very large foot completely into their very large mouths when Venus opposes both Pluto and Mars. When the temptation is to say one more vital thing, resist the temptation this week. Loose lips sink ships...among other things. Use those loose lips for something more constructive than flapping the air.

ARIES
MARCH 21 - APRIL 20
Your words pack a global punch, proud Rambo, so be careful of the who, what, when, where, why and how of it when Venus opposes Mars and Pluto. Tabloid headlines blare out all the juicy news and others are simply not amused. Diplomacy is not your strong suit this week so let others carry the banner while you take a break from your rants and raves. Oh thank goodness!

TAURUS
APRIL 21 - MAY 21
Love is for sale as mighty Aphrodite crosses Mars and Pluto. Rainbow Bulls may find that the price tag on a certain sexy bauble may not be worth the aggravation and wear and tear. It is better to feel marvelous than to look marvelous this week so live and learn my extravagant cousin. Next time check for damages before you buy and negotiate for at least a 30 day warranty.

GEMINI
MAY 22 - JUNE 21
Relationships may chafe at the dog collar when feisty Venus in Gemini opposes Pluto and Mars. What you would love to do seems to conflict with your partner's ideas of a good time. As much as you would like to grab it all, try to share and share alike lover. If not, by the time this transit passes you may find yourself warming your own sheets. A sorry spectacle indeed!

CANCER
JUNE 22 - JULY 23
Pink Crabs yearn to spread their wings and fly but the requirements of the job weight you down with excess cargo. Don't give up your dreams of flight when Venus in Gemini opposes Mars and Pluto. However, do expect some minor flight delays and plan on adding a few extra days of fog onto the final leg of your journey after you think that all the work is finally done.

LEO
JULY 24 - AUGUST 23
Your friends are not interested in joining you on your silly antics. Venus in Gemini opposes Pluto and Mars and tosses cold water on any Gay group campfire. Queer Lions are not usually keen to go it alone but now you may find that it is more important to do your own thing rather than to hang around doing the same old things with a group of Miss Things.

VIRGO
AUGUST 24 - SEPTEMBER 23
Queer Virgins find that they are being torn in two between their professional commitments and the demands of home and family. Blame the strain on the opposition between Venus and Pluto and Mars. You'll soon realize that you can't dance at two affairs with only one tush. Which affair helps pay the rent? Which one will be there for you when times are tough? Decision made!

SCORPIO
OCTOBER 24 - NOVEMBER 22
So whose money are you playing with, queer Scorp? That is the question when Venus opposes Pluto and Mars. You may find that your sticky fingers get you into all sorts of icky trouble so behave, at least as far as the fiscal bottom line is concerned. For all other bottom lines, this is the week that you get what you pry for. Are you shopping at K Mart or Tiffany?

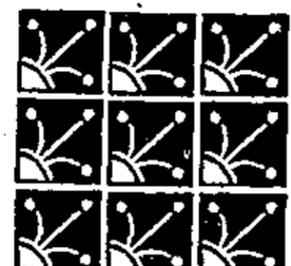
SAGITTARIUS
NOVEMBER 23 - DECEMBER 22
Your get up and go may get up and go this week as Venus crosses both Pluto and Mars. Proud Archers are keen to start new projects and get a few ideas off the ground but may find that cohorts or partners are less than enthusiastic. Don't let 'em rain on your pride parade comrade; if you have a hot idea that is ready to catch fire, don't let a drip snuff it out.

CAPRICORN
DECEMBER 23 - JANUARY 20
Are you just going to be a cog in the great corporate machine? Venus opposite Mars and Pluto plagues guilt-ridden Gay Caps with this vexing question. Before you hand in your resignation and seek the nearest ashram, think about this concept - sometimes it's the smallest cog that can have the greatest impact on the machine. Of course, the bigger the cog the better.

AQUARIUS
JANUARY 21 - FEBRUARY 19
Your idea of fun may conflict with the group dynamic, Aquarian so hold off on any of your grander notions until after the Venus/Pluto/Mars transit passes next week. The crowd is simply not ready for you, compadre. If you can't find a crowd to accompany you on your creative meanderings, then meander alone. You never know who you can meet on the road.

PISCES
FEBRUARY 20 - MARCH 20
Guppies are more content to hang around the house than to make their fortunes in the world. Blame your ennui on the Venus, Mars and Pluto opposition and pull the covers up over your head. If the corporate police find you anyway, find some particularly effective bureaucratic guerilla tactic to make it seem that you are up to the task, even as you daydream at your desk.

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A View From The Rock

A Commentary From Cornerstone Fellowship

A couple of weeks ago, I had the privilege of coaching a Special Olympics team at the State Competition in Phoenix. As always it was a terrific time of watching developmentally disabled (DD) children and adults compete to the best of their abilities. There is a child like demeanor among many DD adults. They often have a unique way of looking at the world. I find it easy and uncomplicated to be around DD people and find their simple view of life refreshing.

We certainly know how to complicate things, don't we? I think about the Christian church and all the many changes it has undergone since its beginning in the first century. There are so many denominations there are often off-shoots of churches with varying ideas. Some churches adhere to strict traditions in their weekly services while others do what they "feel lead to do." It's no wonder that many people turn from organized religion because of the many false representations that we humans have created.

When Jesus first sent out his disciples, he told them to go and preach the Gospel, heal in his name, and not to take anything with them. Seems pretty straight forward. In the first century, the apostle Paul wrote many times to various churches warning them to not lose sight of their purpose which was to preach the good news of Jesus Christ. Simple and uncomplicated words.

Jesus himself scolded his disciples when they tried to keep a group of children from approaching him. He responded with, "... I tell you the truth, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it." (Mark 10:15)

Christianity is simple. Believe that Jesus is the son of God, that he died on the cross for your sins and ask him into your heart as your personal Lord and savior and it's a done deal. You are then a Christian (Christ follower). And yet, we seem to have made Christianity seem so difficult and confusing.

It bothers me that the gospel message has been so pushed out of the way, by many well meaning churches and replaced with their own agendas. But I do also know that there are many Christian churches either of a particular denomination or non-denominational that are adhering to the simple truths of Jesus Christ. Please don't let experiences of your past keep you from seeking a church in which you can hear the word of God preached. Don't let them keep you from finding a fellowship of believers with which you can become a part. Don't let the poor copies of Christians hinder your relationship with Jesus. But do look for a Christian church. It could

turn out to be the best thing you've ever done.

Perhaps there is a lesson to be learned from the Developmentally Disabled people of our city. And that is, stop making life and religion so complicated. Well it's something to think about.

[The views expressed are those of the writer, and not necessarily represent the views of the staff and management of The Observer.]

1990 Census

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in Greenwich Village for example, might have been reclassified as unmarried partners while those in rural areas underwent a sex change.

Martin O'Connell, chief of the bureau's fertility and family statistics branch, said the agency has "no idea" how many of the 1990 respondents identified themselves as same-sex spouses or what percentage of those answers were changed and reclassified.

"I would have to reprocess the entire 1990 census to know that," O'Connell told The Record. "To find out how each person was moved from one answer to another would be an extraordinarily difficult task."

Spencer explained the only way the 1990 data could be defended was if every answer had the same margin for error. "But in the real world, the sex answer is much more likely to be right, because everyone knows what the heck their sex is. But the relationship question can be confusing, and people can make mistakes there. So in 2000, we decided to honor the sex answer no matter what."

Given the different approach, it is perhaps not surprising the reported number of Gay households soared. With the new classification, the number of Gay households increased a staggering 700 percent in Delaware and Nevada from 1990 to 2000, more than 600 percent in Alabama, and 500 percent in Louisiana.

More than two weeks after the bureau began rolling its 2000 figures, the agency issued a "technical note" warning that comparisons between 1990 and 2000 were "not substantively valid" due to "differences in data processing."



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● The paradox of our time in history is that we have taller buildings but shorter tempers, wider freeways, but narrower viewpoints. We spend more, but have less. We buy more, but enjoy less.

● We have bigger houses and smaller families, more conveniences, but less time. We have more degrees but less sense, more knowledge, but less judgment, more experts, yet more problems, more medicine, but less wellness.

● We drink too much, smoke too much, spend too recklessly, laugh too little, drive too fast, get too angry, stay up too late, get up too tired, read too little, watch TV too much, and pray too seldom.

● We have multiplied our possessions, but reduced our values. We talk too much, love too seldom, and hate too often. We've learned how to make a living, but not a life. We've added years to life not life to years.

● We've been all the way to the moon and back, but have trouble crossing the street to meet a new neighbor. We conquered outer space but not inner space. We've done larger things, but not better things. We've cleaned up the air, but polluted the soul. We've conquered the atom, but not our prejudice.

● We write more, but learn less. We plan more, but accomplish less. We've learned to rush, but not to wait. We build more computers to hold more information, to produce more copies than ever, but we communicate less and less.

● These are the times of fast foods and slow digestion, big men and small character, steep profits and shallow relationships. These are the days of two incomes but more divorce, fancier houses, but broken homes. These are days of quick trips, disposable diapers, throwaway morality, one night stands, overweight bodies, and pills that do everything from cheer, to quiet, to kill.

● It is a time when there is much in the showroom window and nothing in the stockroom. A time when technology can bring this letter to you, and a time when you can choose either to share this insight, or to just hit delete. Remember, spend some time with your loved ones, because they are not going to be around forever.

● Remember, say a kind word to someone who looks up to you in awe, because that little person soon will grow up and leave your side. ● Remember, to give a warm hug to the one next to you, because that is the only treasure you can give with your heart and it doesn't cost a cent. ● Remember, to say, "I love you" to your partner and your loved ones, but most of all mean it. A kiss and an embrace will mend hurt when it comes from deep inside of you. ● Remember to hold hands and cherish the moment for someday that person will not be there again. Give time to love, give time to speak and give time to share the precious thoughts in your mind. [Received on the Internet]

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Tucson Firefighter Guilty

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tect people with passion but without prejudice.

"That's what they do, and they're supposed to do it indiscriminately," Jacobson said.

Opela was hired by the Tucson Fire Department on Aug. 6, 1999. He is paid \$35,436 per year.

A Fire Department statement said it "has not received any formal notification that charges were filed against this employee for off-duty conduct, a trial or its outcome."

"The department will be gathering information to determine whether any city or Fire Department policies were violated and will take appropriate action, as necessary."

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Non-Bar Calendar

Groups / Clubs / Organizations

WEDNESDAY, JULY 11

Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. Jorge hosts Dinner Out at El Mezon del Cobra. This Mexican restaurant Italian eatery has great food, a nice atmosphere, and nice guys from MSN! For more information, please contact Jorge at 869-7219.

FRIDAY, JULY 13

Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. Join Jerry & Les for Game Night and a Pool Party. Board games and card games of all sorts will be available, and you're invited to bring a favorite of yours. For more information, please contact Les at 690-9565.

SATURDAY, JULY 14

#1. Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 8:00 a.m. Bill will be hosting a recreational softball/volleyball/rugby practice. For more information, please call Bill at 297-3569.

#2. 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, JULY 15

Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. Join Jerry and Les for the latest installment of Retro TV, as we salute funny ladies of the small screen. We'll show episodes of "I Love Lucy", "Marty Tyler Moore", "Designing Women", and "Murphy Brown". For reservations and directions, please call Jerry at 690-9565.

THURSDAY, JULY 19

Poz Cafe Monthly Luncheon- providing a delicious lunch, along with friendship, games and social activities. Open to all HIV+ adults and one adult guest (partner, family, friend or volunteer respecting confidentiality/privacy concerns). Doors open at 11:30 - complimentary lunch is served at Noon - and games, crafts and social time until 2:30. Located at St. Francis in the Foothills United Methodist Church, a Gay-friendly church at the corner of River and Swan. RESERVATIONS REQUESTED. To reserve your space or request transportation, call the TIHAN office at 299-6647 by Monday, July 16.

AIDS 101 and Volunteer Orientation at Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation (SAAF) 375 S. Euclid from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. Free. Call 628-7223 to register.

FRIDAY, JULY 20

Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. Join us for our monthly Pizza Night. For only \$5, you get pizza, salad, side dishes, and dessert-and a chance to meet 50-75 really nice guys. The pool is also open. For reservations and directions, please call Jerry at 690-9565.

SATURDAY, JULY 21

#1. Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 9:00 a.m. Bill hosts another organizational meeting for the sports teams. Bill is looking to start up gay softball/volleyball/rugby. For more information, please contact Bill at 297-3569.

#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): 5:00 p.m. Jack hosts a free class in making stained glass wind chimes. You'll be given the material you need and all the instructions to help you take home your very own work of art. The class is limited to 14 students so early calls are advised. For more information, please contact Jack at 745-8844.

SUNDAY, JULY 22

Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:30 a.m. Join Jim for a morning of birding in cool Madera Canyon. One goal is to spot the elusive Trogon. Please call Jim at 629-0766 for more details.

MONDAY, JULY 23

#1. Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. Join us as we get out our monthly 10-page newsletter. It's simple, and you get a chance to meet new guys as we assemble the newsletter. The work goes quickly, and is usually done with 45 minutes. For reservations and directions, please call Jerry at 690-9565.

#2. Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 8:00 p.m. Join us for the classic comedy "Some Like It Hot", which was recently named by the American Film Institute as the funniest comedy ever made. Come see if you agree. For reservations and directions, please call Les at 690-9565.

TUESDAY, JULY 24

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 Terry at 577-3545.

SATURDAY, JULY 28

#1. Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 8:00 a.m. Bill will be hosting a recreational softball/volleyball/rugby practice. For more information, please call Bill at 297-3569.

#2. 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. 297-3569.

BAR CALENDAR

OF UPCOMING EVENTS

WEDNESDAY, JULY 11

IBTS - 9:00 P.M. The "Girle Show" hosted by Lucinda Holiday and featuring Angela Dodd, Faith Michaels and Samantha White.

SUNDAY, JULY 15

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 Gay men's Health Project (GMHP). Then at 9:00 p.m. a special spectacular Fundraiser Show for Deora La Blanc a candidate for Miss Gay Arizona-America. Joining Deora will be Veronica Lake, Miss Kristin, Fox, Aja Simone, Janee Starr and Miss Saigon.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 18

IBTS - 9:00 P.M. "The Girle Show" hosted by Lucinda Holiday and featuring Mr. Kenneth Blake, Janee Starr and Adrienne Alexander.

SATURDAY, JULY 21

IBTS - Miss Gay Arizona-America pre-Pageant show.

SATURDAY, JULY 28

IBTS - 5th Annual Grey Eagle Arm Wrestling Contest. Fundraiser for TIHAN. Pick up your wrestling packets now at IBT's, Yard Dog, Woody's or Venture-N.

SUNDAY, JULY 29

IBTS - A gala party to celebrate IBT's Anniversary. Watch for more info on this big party.

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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 8pm to close. All drink specials not available during special events.

VENTURE-N - Open 10am. Patio open noon. Patio Beer Bust 3-7pm 75¢ draft, \$2 pitchers. 301 Dart Tournament 5pm \$3 entry fee (pot matched). Boss Burgers 5-7pm Hides Leather Goods opens at 4pm.

WOODY'S - Open Noon. Dart tournament 3pm. Happy Hour 3-7pm. Patio Bar open 5:30-close. Pick-up Volleyball games 5-7. \$2.50 sirloin burger or chicken 5:30-9:30pm. Karaoke with Billy Dee 9pm to close.

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

Monday

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

IBT's - 9am-4pm, \$2.00 domestic beer and well. Happy Hour \$1.75 well and domestic beer 4-7pm. 7-9pm \$1.50 well and domestic. Small pitchers Bud/Bud Light \$1.50 from 9pm to close. DJ Rayman plays house music 9pm to close. All drink specials not available during special events.

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

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

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

Tuesday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Happy Hour Two-For-One 2-7pm. Pool touney 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 Dec. Pot matched. Trivia Party 8pm-close. Top score on NTN per game wins special prizes. Sky's the limit \$2.25.

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

Wednesday

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

IBT's - 9am-4pm \$2.00 domestic beer and well, \$1.75 well & domestic beer 4-9. Live Jazz on the patio with the Susan & Tracey 8-9pm. Patio Bar 5-1pm. Dance Party 9 to 1. All drink specials not available during special events.

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

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

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

Saturday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Open at 2pm. Pool Tournament 6:30pm \$3 entry. Pot matched. \$2 pitchers for pool players. Dance music w/DJ Hill 9-close. Drink specials every 1/2 hour.

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

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

WOODY'S - Open Noon. Happy Hour 3-7pm. Pool Touney 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

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 299-8647.

LESBIAN/GAY/BISEXUAL OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS. Saturdays 1 to 2pm new location Wingspan, 300 E. 6th St. Contacts: 325-8878 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 Slaght 721-2003.

SMART (Self Management And Recovery Training) is 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 (evetten@ix.netcom.com)

AZdykes is a new email list for Lesbians living in Arizona. For information mail tyann@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 / ETC! Non-Smoking Lesbian Network meets every 3rd Saturday night of each month. If you'd like to meet women 35+ (flexible) and socialize in a smoke-free environment 888-8910 before 10:00 p.m. The group dines out and attends shows or movies. Now in their 16th year! (2nd in Tucson).

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

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

ARIZONA AIDS POLICY ALLIANCE (AZAPA) seeks to educate legislators and citizens about sound AIDS policy. For more information write AZAPA, 8523 N. 14th St., #112, Phoenix, AZ 85014 or call 602-278-4805.

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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 Miro Stone, MSW, at 327-1171 (if unavailable leave message with phone number).

AAPSP - ARIZONA ASSOCIATION OF PUBLIC SAFETY PROFESSIONALS - a confidential organization committed to providing support and networking for all Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual public safety professionals in Arizona. Membership open to Law Enforcement Officers, Firefighters, Probation, Parole and Corrections Officers and civilians working within these agencies. Website: AAPSP.org or e-mail: AAPSP@aol.com or call Dave (520)745-9059 (Tucson) or Kim (602)834-8219 (Phoenix)

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

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

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

LUTHERANS CONCERNED - Tucson chapter for Gay/Lesbian Lutherans meets 4th Sunday, 6:30 p.m. each month at Santa Cruz Lutheran Church, 6802 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 824-0348 (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.

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

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

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

CRONIES SOCIAL GROUP. A Social group for Gay men who enjoy the fellowship of their peers. Call Leo at 624-6788.

T-SQUARES Lesbian and Gay square dance club meets every Tuesday from 6:30-9:00 p.m. at Cornerstone Fellowship Social Hall, 2902 N. Gertrude (near 1st Ave. and Leguna). Open to All. Call Liz at 325-9468 or Ray at 749-5247.

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

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

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

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

Join the LESBIAN & GAY PUBLIC AWARENESS PROJECT. In Tucson write Awareness Project, 3661 N. Campbell Ave. #385, Tucson, AZ 85718.

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

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

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

CARE TEAMS ARE AVAILABLE to offer support to people living with HIV/AIDS. The Tucson Interfaith HIV/AIDS Network offers trained, compassionate and committed volunteers to provide services including friendly visits, light housekeeping, assistance with meals, shopping, errands, transportation and companionship for medical appointments, and respite care for primary care givers. No judgement or proselytizing - we are here to be of service. For information call Scott at 299-8647.

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

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

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

THE MEN'S MASSAGE GROUP meets the 3rd Sunday of each month. It is a good way to meet other men of all ages, safely, and with the art of nurturing touch. There is a fee. You must sign up in advance to participate. Call Marc at 881-4592 for more information or sign up.

COMMUNITY BUSINESS ASSOCIATION (CBA), Tucson's Gay and Lesbian business networking group holds regular meetings the third Thursday of every month. Call 615-6436 for more info.

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

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

TUCSON GREATER SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION http://www.tgsasoftball.org

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

NOTICES

GAY OR BISEXUAL 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 299-9063 and ask for a contact person.

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

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P.F.L.A.G. - Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays - is a support group available to anyone who has a son, daughter or friend who is Gay. Call 575-8680 or write P.O. Box 38284, Tucson, AZ 85740-8284. All replies confidential.

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

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TUCSON GAY INFORMATION AND REFERRAL For information on human service organizations, health and mental health services, financial and government assistance, emergency services such as food and shelter, education, etc. Call Information and Referral 861-1794 - 8 am - 5 pm Mon. - Fri.

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