



Salvation Army Rescinds Domestic Partner Benefits

WASHINGTON, DC - The Salvation Army's national leadership, on Monday, November 12, instituted a new policy stripping its regional divisions of the authority to make decisions regarding health care benefits for employees, essentially derailing a plan announced November 1 by the group's Western division to begin offering domestic-partner benefits to employees' same-sex partners.

"Today the commissioners' conference established a national policy to extend health benefit access to an employee's spouse and dependent children only," Salvation Army commissioner Lawrence Moretz said in a statement issued Monday. "I assure you again that the Salvation Army has not changed its position on marriage and the family, homosexuality, or other position statements, nor have we changed any of our basic doctrines or moral positions. In rescinding the policy and establishing a national policy on health care benefit access to spouses and dependent children only, we must stand united in the battle that will undoubtedly follow from those who would now challenge our biblical and traditional position. We will not sign any government contract or any other funding contracts that contain domestic-partner benefit requirements."

Leaders of the Western Territory, which covers Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, New Mexico, Nevada, Oregon, Utah, Washington and Wyoming, plus Guam, Micronesia and the Marshall Islands, announced November 1 that they would extend benefits to domestic partners -- straight or Gay -- as well as any adult member of the employee household.

In October, the Salvation Army's commissioners decided to let the four U.S. territories determine their health care policies, and the Western Territory was the only one to make the domestic partner decision. On Monday, Salvation Army commissioners decided to return health care policymaking to the national level, thereby rescinding the Western Territory's decision.

The decision to offer the benefits shocked other evangelical Christian organizations.

"It's very unusual for an evangelical Christian organization that holds the truth of Scripture to do anything that would give the impression that two men living together, for example, is the equivalent of marriage, or a man and a woman, for that matter," said Ed Vitagliano, a spokesman for the Tupelo, Miss.-based American Families Association. "We think, frankly, that it was a miscalculation on their part."

In turn, the reversal has shocked

Gay-rights groups who favor domestic partner benefits.

"It establishes the organization as anti-Gay, and in a country that's yearning to come together and heal, this was an extremely divisive move that I don't think will be looked on kindly," said David Smith, a spokesman for the Human Rights Campaign. "We're talking about health care, about providing health benefits, and what the Salvation Army has decided to do is prevent certain families from getting health care, and that's just mean."

Jury Clears Police In Teen Suicide Trial

ALLENTOWN, PA - A federal jury cleared three police officers who stood accused of violating a teen's constitutional right to privacy when they threatened to disclose that he was Gay. The young man's mother was suing the small town of Minersville and its police department, charging they drove her son to commit suicide.

In 1997, a popular 18-year-old high school football player, Marcus Wayman, and a 17-year-old friend were stopped by police in Minersville after leaving a party.

The arresting officer, F. Scott Willinsky, allegedly asked the teens if they were "queer" after finding two condoms on the younger of the pair. Police testified the teens confessed to stopping the car to have sex, though this was disputed.

Officer Willinsky took them into custody and allegedly gave them both a lecture on the evils of homosexuality and threatened to tell the teens' families they were Gay. After the interrogation, Wayman told his friend he was going to commit suicide and later on that evening, he retrieved a gun in his home and shot himself dead.

Wayman's mother, Madonna Sterling, filed a civil suit over her son's death, charging that the town and three of its police officers - Joseph Willinsky, Scott Willinsky and Thomas Hoban - violated Wayman's right to privacy. Joseph Willinsky is the police chief and father of Scott Willinsky.

ACLU attorney David Rudovsky called the verdict a "heartbreaking injustice" and said it would be difficult at this point to appeal. James Esseks of the ACLU's Lesbian & Gay Rights Project released the following statement in response to the verdict.

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San Francisco Wants Poppers Regulated

SAN FRANCISCO, CA - Poppers are on the rebound, and authorities are trying to make sure Gay men don't sniff at their dangers.

The inhaled sexual boosters known as poppers are on the rebound in San Francisco, and authorities are trying to make sure that Gay men don't sniff at their dangers, reported the Gay.com/PlanetOut.com network.

"The buzz in the community is that poppers are back," said Dr. Grant Colfax, director of HIV Prevention Studies with the San Francisco Department of Public Health. "But people using them are unaware of the risks."

Board of Supervisors President Tom Ammann ordered health officials and the district attorney's office to look into ways to resurrect enforcement of popper regulations. The move may lead to the posting of warning signs at stores that sell the drugs, which are linked to health risks and increased rates of HIV transmission.

It's not clear why the use of poppers is growing, but experts suggest that a new generation of Gay men has never been warned about them.

"It's reasonable to sound the alarm," said Hank Wilson, founder of Survive AIDS and a longtime foe of popper use. "We're seeing more promotion of (poppers) than in the past, and that's troubling. Popper use is fueling the epidemic."

The word "poppers" refers to amyl or butyl nitrite. As underground drugs, they are usually inhaled from the vapors of small bottles of liquid. They got their name from the days when they were sold in small glass capsules that were broken -- making a popping sound -- to release the gas. (The nitrites are still sold in capsules when used as a prescription drug for people with heart disease.)

The effects of poppers last for just a few minutes. They cause a sharp drop in blood pressure, lightheadedness and a head rush that some say increases the power of an orgasm. The drugs also relax muscles, making them popular among "bottoms" -- Gay men who prefer being on the receiving end of anal sex. Poppers are technically illegal without a prescription under U.S. law, but they're still sold in sex shops and on the Internet, where merchants declare that they "appear to be perfectly safe."

In recent months, activists in San Francisco have noticed that stores are being more open about the sale of poppers, Wilson said. A Gay newspaper published a popper advertisement, and shops are featuring the drugs in front windows and at the counter.

Colfax, the city health official, said a Gay man recently told him that an East Bay bathhouse was swarming with little bottles of poppers. "He said it was like the mid-70s again. People weren't using condoms, and poppers were everywhere."

Several studies have shown that Gay men who use poppers are at a higher risk of HIV infection. The reasons aren't clear, but they may have something to do with men having longer and more traumatic sex while using the drugs, Colfax said. Another theory is that the drugs depress the immune system or change the amount blood flow to the anal area, raising the chances of HIV transmission.

In a recent San Francisco study, researchers found that some Gay men were mixing poppers with the impotency drug Viagra. That mixture can be especially dangerous because both drugs lower blood pressure, raising the risk of fainting or death.

According to the San Francisco Chronicle, the city in the 1980s required shops to post warnings if they sold poppers. But the warnings disappeared over the years.

Wilson said activists don't want to ban poppers, but they do hope to see them return to their spot behind the counter, out of sight. "It's one thing to have them in the background," he said. "It's another to have them visible and promoted."

Three Men Indicted In Alleged Anti-Gay Attack

LAS CRUCES, NM - Three New Mexico men face battery, assault, and criminal trespass charges stemming from a beating earlier this year of a student at New Mexico State University (NMSU).

Kirk Westfall, 20; Rustin Short, 18; and Philip Austin Lanier, 18, were indicted by a grand jury. All three are from Carlsbad. They are accused of threatening one student and beating another at a campus residence hall after asking if the students were Gay. Short and Lanier were freshmen at NMSU. They withdrew shortly after the alleged beating. Westfall had been living in Las Cruces but was not a student at the school, campus police said.

The first student reported that he had been followed into a residence hall by the men, who allegedly asked why he was "so Gay." He then went to a female friend's room. The men reportedly left when they saw his friend. The second victim told NMSU police that three men knocked at his

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UPDATE

Day of Remembrance November 27

TUCSON - On November 27, a planned candlelight vigil will be held to memorialize those lost to anti-Transgender violence.

Sponsored by the Wingspan Domestic Violence Project, the Southern Arizona Gender Alliance (SAGA), TGNNet Arizona, Queer Voice, Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG) and the Arizona Human Rights Fund (AHRF), and part of the national action Day Of Remembrance, this candlelight vigil will start at the northwest corner of 4th Avenue and 1st Street at 7:30 p.m., followed by an informal reception at the Wingspan Community Center at 300 E. 6th Street.

Did you know: A minimum of one individual a month is reported murdered based simply on anti-Transgender hatred. Organized by local Transgender activists, the Day of Remembrance's goal is to increase public awareness of anti-Transgender hate crimes.

Generally held on November 28 to coincide with the murder of Rita Hester, a Transgender woman who was murdered in Boston in 1998 (a case which remains unsolved), observances of the Day of Remembrance will be held in cities all across the nation including San Francisco, Ft. Myers Beach, Florida, Atlanta, Baltimore, Boston, Minneapolis-St. Paul, Albany and New York City, Cleveland, Oklahoma City, Philadelphia, and Houston. Please note that Tucson's 2001 observance of the Day of Remembrance will be held on the 27th, rather than the 28th, due to scheduling issues.

For more information about anti-Transgender violence and hate crimes, please visit the Remembering Our Dead website at <http://gender.org/remember/>.

Community Forum On Enda November 29

TUCSON - On Thursday, November 29, from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m., the Wingspan Community Forum Series continues with a forum on the Employment Non-Discrimination Act (ENDA) at the Wingspan Community Center, 300 E. 6th Street, Tucson. A reception will follow.

There is currently no law protecting Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, or Transgender people from employment discrimination based on sexual orientation or gender identity. ENDA would prohibit Arizona employers from using a person's sexual orientation, gender identity or gender expression as the basis for employment decisions—such as firing, hiring, promotion, or compensation. The purpose of this event is to raise community awareness about the importance of ENDA and to generate broad community support for its passage in the 2002 Arizona Legislative Session. The forum will also be utilized as one of several mechanisms for gathering case studies of employment discrimination that will further substantiate the moral imperative for the passage of the bill.

Come to this forum to find out what ENDA is, how it will protect you, and how you can help ensure its passage in the 2002 legislative session. Tucson Sen. Elaine Richardson will be a featured speaker.

This forum is co-sponsored by the Arizona Human Rights Fund (AHRF), Arizona

Stonewall Democrats, TGNNet Arizona, the Tucson GLBT Commission, and Wingspan. For more information about this forum, please contact Wingspan at 624-1779 or AHRF at 990-5161.

Miss Gay Arizona USofA Contestants Announced

By Ric Reyna

TUCSON - The Second Annual Miss Gay Arizona USofA Pageant will be November 18. The pageant will begin promptly at 7:00 p.m. This year's venue is the Inn Suites Hotel and Resort at 475 N. Granada in Tucson.

Tori Steele will be passing her title to one six contestants. They are Purrsia Leialoha of Pennsylvania, Mizz Monique Moore of California, Sapphire of Arizona, Jalissa Aundrea Michaels of Arizona, Kyra Starr of Arizona and Marcie Hoover of Arizona. The competition will be intense.

Miss Ajia Simone will be our fabulous Emcee again this year along with performances by Erika Norell, Miss Gay USofA 2001, Kofi, Miss Gay USofA-AL 2000, Tori Steele, Miss Gay Arizona USofA 2001, Mr. Kenneth Blake, Miss National Capital Cities USofA 2001 and a special appearance by Angela Dodd, Miss Gay Arizona America 2002. The evening promises to one of talent and competition Arizona has never seen before.

Ticket are on sale at \$16.00 in advance and \$20.00 at the door (this includes a free drink ticket). Full tables are available at \$160.00. Full table purchases have seating priority. We will be at the following establishments with tickets this week: Wednesday/IBT's, Thursday/Woody's, Friday/The Yard Dog Saloon/Nobody's Bizness. We will also be selling advance tickets in Phoenix on Friday night at Wink's. Tickets also available at Metropolis Salon on Congress 268 E. Congress Tucson Arizona (see Mona).

For Tickets and Information call (520) 322-0001. This is one event you do not want to miss!

A Pre-Pageant Show scheduled on Saturday, November 17, at IBT's beginning at 8:00 p.m. Food sold on the patio from 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Come Join the Fun!

Diane Freund At Antigone Books Nov. 30

TUCSON - Local author Diane Freund will read from her striking debut, *Four Corners*, a lyrical and haunting novel that gently leads the reader into the complicated life of ten-year old Rainey. This reading will take place Friday, November 30, 7:00 p.m., at Antigone Books, 411 North Fourth Avenue.

Her mother is in the sanatorium and her father is in the clouds; her siblings are running wild and her brassy aunt is in the kitchen drinking her morning beer. Rainey's childhood is continually interrupted by the strange realities of the adults in the rural town of Four Corners. According to a review by Kirkus, *Four Corners* is "...virtually flawless in voice and detail."

For more information, call Antigone Books, (520) 792-3715.

Reveille Holiday Concert December 7-8

TUCSON - Halls will be decked, menorahs lighted and shepherds awakened as Tucson's Reveille Gay Men's Chorus comes 'Home for the Holidays,' Dec. 7 and 8, 8:00 p.m., at Grace St. Paul Episcopal Church, 2331 E. Adams St.

Under the direction of James Taylor, the men of Reveille will visit numerous sacred and secular celebrations that announce the season. Reveille will feature holiday songs from around the world, including Mexico, Latvia, Sweden, Japan and France.

Tickets are \$15 in advance; \$18 at the door. Tickets for the entire Reveille Joy of Song Season are also available for \$40. Season tickets include front-rows seating at the December concert, as well as performances in March and June of 2002. For tickets and information call the chorus hotline (520) 617-3100. December concert tickets also may be purchased from chorus members, Antigone Books, Desert Pride and Tucson Trunk.

Town Rallies Around Homophobic Police Official

MARTINSVILLE, IN - Dozens of residents packed the city council meeting room Monday night to show support for their assistant police chief, who is being taken to task by human rights advocates for a letter he wrote to The [Martinsville] Reporter-Times on October 26. In a letter to the editor, Dennis Nail lashed out at non-Christians as well as Lesbians and Gays.

"It offends me when I have to give up prayer in school. Once again because it might upset Hadji Hindu or Buddy Buddha," he wrote. "When I look around I see no Mosque or fat, bald guys with bowls in their laps. I see churches. I'm offended when I turn on a television show and without fail a queer is in the plot just like it's a natural thing."

About 80 people attended the city council meeting to discuss the flap. Twenty-two chose to speak; only one was critical of Nail's letter. Nail himself got a standing ovation. Neither Mayor Shannon Buskirk nor police chief Frans Hollanders believe there is reason to reprimand Nail. "There's a lot of it that I agree with, but I figure maybe some of the language could have been toned down a bit," Hollanders said. "But I have heard more pros for him than negatives. And he did it on his own time."

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For tickets, call the Centennial Hall box office, (520) 621-3341.

Survey Says: More GLB Acceptance, But Discrimination Continues

MENLO PARK, CA - About three-fourths of Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual individuals feel more accepted by society today than a few years ago, but about the same percentage say they have experienced discrimination, according to a survey.

The findings by the nonprofit Kaiser Family Foundation were based on telephone interviews with 405 randomly selected self-identified Lesbians, Gays and Bisexuals in 15 major U.S. cities last November, reported the Associated Press.

Seventy-six percent of Lesbians, Gays and Bisexuals surveyed reported they feel more accepted. However, 74 percent reported encountering verbal abuse, while 32 percent said they experienced physical abuse or damage to their property because of their sexual orientation.

Eighty-five percent of Lesbians, 76 percent of Gay men and 60 percent of Bisexuals said they had experienced discrimination, according to the survey.

Ninety percent of the Lesbians, Gays and Bisexuals interviewed believe the

government is not doing enough to protect them from discrimination, while 64 percent said more prejudice was directed toward them than blacks.

The foundation conducted a second telephone survey with 2,283 adults to gather the general public's feelings about Gay and Lesbian issues.

In that survey, 62 percent reported they have a friend or acquaintance who is Gay, compared to 55 percent three years ago and 24 percent in 1983.

Sixty-four percent of those surveyed said they think there is more acceptance of homosexuals today than there was a few years ago, and 29 percent said that acceptance is good for the country. Forty-four percent said it didn't matter either way and 23 percent said it was bad for the country.

The margin of error for the general public survey was plus or minus 3.5 percentage points; it was plus or minus 5.9 percent for the Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual survey.

G/L And Straight Couples Have Similar Disputes

BERLIN, Germany - According to the results of a novel study conducted in Germany's capital, Gay, Lesbian and straight couples fight essentially about the same kinds of issues.

Psychologist Safet Seferovic, who conducted the study for the Braunschweig base of the Christoph Dornier Foundation, told the Reuters news agency, "It was very interesting to see that statistically the most common problems experienced by couples, be they Gay, Lesbian or heterosexual, were identical."

"The most common problem was in bed, sexual problems. Then came personal habits or irritations, followed by jealousy, and then domestic arrangements such as who does the most housework and then arguments about careers or jobs," he

said.

"The interesting thing was that women consistently complained of their partner not taking enough care of them, or showing them enough attention," Seferovic continued.

"This did not really even show up on the radar for Gay couples, but was high in the so-called problem list for Lesbian couples, and also for heterosexual women, when asked in other studies about their relationships with men."

According to the study, Lesbian couples spend more time together and talk with each other more than Gay couples. Instead of talking in order to settle a dispute, most of the men in the study tell their partners to leave them alone, the Associated Press reported.

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Out of the Work Closet

Dear Out of the Work Closet,
I'm a firm believer that coming out is a very personal decision, and that only you have the right to decide if and when to come out.

Women consider a few factors while thinking about coming out:

Personal Readiness: Part of you is ready to demonstrate how unashamed and, yes, proud you are to be a Lesbian. Your lover is supportive and you know this feels like the right thing to do for you.

Political Environment: Do you live in a province, state or country where you have legal protection from being fired because you're a Lesbian? Are you in a union that will defend your rights should you experience harassment, discrimination or unfair dismissal? If you came out would

you be able to access same-sex benefits? If you don't know the answers to these questions, contact your local queer community center, a queer-friendly lawyer or your union rep. After all, although you feel capable of dealing with flack from co-workers, being fired would be a whole different kettle of fish.

Work Supports: Would your supervisor be an ally or an enemy? What about your co-workers? If you see anyone in your workplace who you feel will support your right to be out, you might want to quietly pull him or her aside and enlist their aid before coming out. When the bomb drops and office gossip starts rolling, you know won't be the only one confronting the homophobes about their poor attitudes.

Once you consider all the factors, you may decide to go ahead or wait longer. If you feel the company might try to dismiss you, you might approach things a bit more systematically. Wait until you have several excellent performance appraisals and a good human rights. Trust me, not many workplaces want to stir up a hornet's nest. The whole point of coming out is to do it when it feels right for us, not for any other reason. You'll know when it's right for you.

Good luck!
Jenn

Pope Honors Death Of Gay FDNY Chaplain

VATICAN CITY - The helmet of Mychal Judge, the 68-year-old chaplain for the New York Fire Department killed while administering last rites to a dying firefighter on September 11 in New York, was presented to Pope John Paul II following Sunday mass at the Vatican

Judge was a member of Dignity, the organization that represents the interests of Lesbian and Gay Catholics, though there was no mention made of this during the mass.

"I offer a warm welcome to the delegation from the New York City Fire Department, so many of whose members lost their lives in the terrorist attack of September 11," John Paul II said in English to the New York delegation made up of family members and fire fighters attending the Mass at St Peter's Basilica.

The delegation approached the pope and knelt before him as one of the firefighters gave John Paul the white hel-

met emblazoned with a gold cross.

Former President Bill Clinton and New York Senator Hillary Rodham Clinton were among the more than 3,000 mourners who attended the chaplain's funeral on September 15 in New York. The president called Judge's death a special loss and said, "We should live his life as an example of what has to prevail."

He was a close friend of New York City Mayor Rudolph Giuliani's.

AIDS philanthropist Edward Maloney told the Advocate he once asked Judge how he survived in New York's conservative archdiocese. "He put his fingers to his lips as if to shush the question."

Said Maloney, "Father Judge was neither out nor closeted. He knew how to walk that fine line and work behind the scenes. He brought bravery, dedication, loyalty -and a touch of sexuality- to the two institutions he cherished: the church and the fire department."

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In light of all the "negative" columns I've written about Tucson, some readers have challenged me to write a positive column about our fair city. It's really not much of a challenge; having lived and/or worked here since the '70s, I could write several volumes in praise of the place.

But first let's recap the negativity that I'm accused of. I've said, accurately, that cops lie with impunity in City Court, that the City uses the porn shops that it licenses and taxes to run a cheap transparent extortion racket, that the City's ten-year plan commits our politicians to absolutely nothing, and that Tucson suffers from a 100-year-old inferiority complex. I must note in passing that no one that I've heard from, including those raising the issue of negativity, has disputed the essential truth of any of these positions.

Now for the positive. Tucson sits in the Sonoran Desert. For anyone whose spiritual needs are amply met by this magnificent landscape, Tucson's contiguity with it more than justifies the City's existence. Unfortunately, we seem bent on destroying as much of the desert as we can as fast as we can, but that bit of negativity can be saved for another column.

NOTES FROM THE FOR-REAL SIDE
by Lee Thorn

'What, Me Negative?'

After the desert, the biggest attraction of Tucson for me is Tucsonans. We are undoubtedly some of the friendliest, least pretentious, most tolerant people on the planet.

When you're trying to get on Grant from a Circle K parking lot and the first driver in the street behind the driveway waves you into the road in front of him, that's a distinctly Tucson kind of thing. You don't see that much in at least three states that I've lived in - Colorado, New Jersey or Georgia.

The way that store clerks chat with customers is another striking evidence of our friendliness. In other places you hear stock phrases repeated that require a minimum of lip movement and time. In Tucson you see human beings actually conversing back and forth as if the building wasn't on fire. A New Yorker friend once told me that it took him a good six months to get used to store clerks talking to him as if he were a real live person.

The lack of pretension is another big attraction. This town attracts residence who are very good at what they do - Lee Marvin, Paul McCartney, Jack Copeland, Lute Olson, and on and on. Many of these people of accomplishment are not famous outside of their fields. Most of them, famous or not, don't put on airs.

I once went to the 50th birthday party of an engineer who'd established one of the world's leading consulting companies in his specialty. About a third of the people at the party were bright young PhDs who worked for his company. This group of employees had a collective gift for the boss, a baseball cap with "Old Fart" embroidered on it. The birthday boy founder of the company wore his gift for much of the party. Tucson's unpretentious personality is reflected both in the receiver's happy response and in the givers awareness of the appropriateness of their gift. To other words, an "Old Fart" hat for the boss is just fine in Tucson.

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As for tolerance, the late actor Lee Marvin once said that he liked living in Tucson because it was a bunch of Indians driving around in their pickup trucks who didn't give a damn who you were. We may not all be Indians, but the rest of the description is pretty apt.

A friend of mine with a strong Liverpool accent once mentioned to me that nobody asked him about it, what kind of accent it was or where he was from. He said that in most places he'd lived people would immediately comment about the accent, but in Tucson nobody even seemed to notice it. Throughout its history Tucson has been a place where almost everyone came from someplace else. A strong tradition has grown up of not caring where people are from or what they were there. It's not hard to imagine that in the frontier town that Tucson once was, a place where dire contingencies arose with some regularity, what you could and would do here and now was a lot more important than anything in your past.

So for me Tucson's positives are pretty basic - they're the land and the people.

[Thorn welcomes comments, suggestions for future columns, and tips on local skulduggery that ought to be exposed. Write to Box 85571, Tucson, AZ 85754.]



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Businesses Market To Gay & Lesbian Couples

NEW YORK, NY - Of all the Census data released so far, one of the more dramatic statistics is the jump in same-sex-partner households — more than three times the number counted nationwide in 1990, even though several states have yet to have their 2000 statistics tabulated, the Wall Street Journal/MSN reported.

The surge is little revelation to Jerry Lowell and Mitchell Block. The couple opened Viola's Resort in February in Palm Springs, Calif., to cater expressly to the growing ranks of Gay families. Unlike other Gay-owned hotels, Viola's provides its guests with accoutrements typically associated with heterosexual-family vacation spots — including a playhouse, child-safety gates and pool toys.

"We didn't have any doubt about the need for a resort where Gay families could be open and feel at ease," says Mr. Lowell, who named Viola's after his great-great grandmother. "We especially noticed more Gay men becoming fathers, and many more men and women with children from straight marriages coming out of the closet."

Dozens of other small businesses also are taking note of Gay couples and Gay parents and the fact that many of them have adopted the straight world's customs — from wedding and anniversary celebrations to baby showers and family vacations.

Among the new entrepreneurs: Love Out Loud in New York, which sells "rainbow rompers" embroidered with the words "Love Me, Love My Dads;" Growing Generations surrogate-mother service in Los Angeles for the Gay community; and G&L-Internet Bank in Pensacola, Fla., which promotes its sensitive treatment of Gay couples making joint investments or buying a car or home together.

Gay-wedding companies are especially plentiful because of the popularity of commitment ceremonies and the new Vermont law allowing marriage-like "civil unions." Gay Weddings.com (www.gayweddings.com) in Bucks County, Pa., for example, arranges everything from the minister and inn to the flowers and champagne in such cities as Santa Fe, N.M.; Miami Beach and Milwaukee at prices ranging from \$600 to more than \$2,000.

"Many Gay and Lesbian couples are just now giving themselves permission to celebrate even though they've been together 10 or 15 years," says Gretchen Hamm. Ms. Hamm was inspired to start Twobrides.com (www.twobrides.com) in Dallas when her daughter and Lesbian partner were united in a commitment ceremony and she couldn't find any appropriate wedding decorations and gifts. Ms. Hamm's best-selling products: two-groom and two-bride figurines for cake tops and wedding certificates based on her daughter's own vows.

A handful of larger companies also are advertising specifically to Gay and Lesbian partners and parents. A Saab station wagon ad in Gay magazines declares, "A safe car for your children proves to be a fun car for you." In Out magazine, Cartier advertises "love bracelets," while a new Chandon wine ad shows two men holding their dog and cuddling and advises, "When you know in your heart your future's with him, drink it in." Prudential Securities created both Gay and Lesbian versions of an ad touting its expertise in estate planning and other thorny financial issues for unmarried couples.

Traditionally, national advertisers, especially liquor, fashion and entertainment companies, have focused on single Gay men. But couples with double incomes tend to spend more, own homes and make financial investments.

"Advertisers like Gerber, Polo and Gap are talking with me because they realize same-sex households aren't a trend that's going to fade away," says Michelle Darné, publisher of And Baby, a new Gay parenting magazine that features articles on classroom homophobia, sperm donors and the search for a Gay-friendly physician.

Census data released so far for 42 states and the District of Columbia show 472,289 same-sex partner households, with the most in California (92,138) and New York (46,490). That compares with 145,130 same-sex partner households counted in 1990 for the entire country. (The number of same-sex-partner households counted in Puerto Rico in 2000 was 6,818; comparable data weren't available from 1990.)

While reported same-sex-partner households are still only 0.58% of all households, that percentage has climbed significantly from 0.17% in 1990. The large increase reflects, in part, the fact that more Gay people are willing to identify their sexual orientation to the government. What's more, in 1990, some same-sex couples who listed themselves as married or as spouses were reclassified by the Census Bureau as heterosexual. The bureau says this time it is classifying Gay people who identify themselves as spouses, as unmarried same-sex partners.

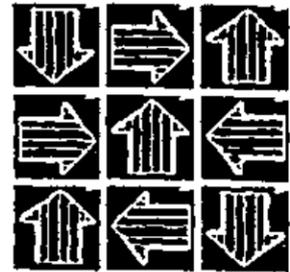
Even now, the count of same-sex couples is certainly on the low side because there still are many people who fear discrimination and harassment and refuse to report that they are part of a Gay or Lesbian couple. "I believe the undercount of Gay couples is significant," says Lee Badgett, research director of the Institute for Gay and Lesbian Strategic Studies.

Nevertheless, the new data are the most definitive numbers available, and they will at least tell companies where they can reach same-sex households beyond the well-known metropolitan areas in New York, California and Florida. Safeco Corp., a Seattle insurance company, is waiting for market researchers to refine the data down to the zip-code level to give it better aim with its direct-mail promotions. "We see double-income Gay couples as a profitable market and treat them just like married couples in terms of offering discounts and credits on insurance," says Raphael Madison, assistant vice president, diversity marketing. Safeco is running ads showing a male couple moving into a new home and a Lesbian couple receiving an anniversary card.

"Advertisers have been slow to depict Gay couples, especially two men together, because such images still make many people uncomfortable," says Michael Wilke, who created an Internet archive of Gay advertising called Commercial Closet. "Gay families are even rarer in ads because they bring to mind the controversy of whether Gay people should even have children."

Some advertisers are still cautious about depicting Gay couples and families — and retreat swiftly at the first hint of controversy. An ad for DuPont Co.'s HIV drug Sustiva showing two grooms arm-in-arm appeared this year in medical journals and consumer magazines. But after the ad received some negative reactions from readers, it was restricted to Gay publications. "We shifted to books with a more appropriate audience," DuPont Pharmaceuticals spokesman David Rosen says. The company, he says, "doesn't advocate or denounce lifestyle choices at all."

Still, a growing number of businesses believe there are plenty of profits to be found in aggressively promoting products with Gay themes. Prudential, FleetBoston Financial Corp. and American Express Co. all pitch financial services that fit the unique needs of unmarried same-sex partners. Proud Paper Inc. in Chicago sells rainbow-colored commitment ceremony and anniversary party invitations in English, French and Spanish, and baby cards with Gay symbols "announcing our new addition." Co-owner Mimi Rubiano says: "It's another way to say, 'This is who we are.'"



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POLITICS 2001

by Mark R. Kerr

'If You Didn't Vote, Don't Bitch And Take What's Coming!'

A study commissioned by several news organizations has concluded that George W. Bush would have maintained his lead in Florida and captured the presidency last year if either of two limited recounts, one requested by Al Gore, the other ordered by the Florida Supreme Court, had been completed but if Gore had found a way to trigger a statewide recount of all disputed ballots, or if the courts had insisted on it, the result would have been very different with the examination of some 175,000 uncounted ballots throughout Florida found enough where voter intent was clear to give Gore the narrowest of margins.

According to the study, if the two limited recounts had not been stopped, the first by Florida county and state election officials and the second by the U.S. Supreme Court, Bush would have held his lead over Gore, with margins ranging from 225 to 493 votes, depending on the standard, but the study also found that whether dimples are counted or a more restrictive standard is used, a statewide tally favored Gore by 60 to 171 votes. This effort to revisit the Florida vote has done little more than reinforce the views most people had before it was carried out, their electoral system was flawed, resulting in an attempt which began with the hope of bringing clarity to a muddled and embittering election instead has produced another mixed verdict.

Conducted over the last 10 months by a consortium of news organizations assisted by professional statisticians, the study examined numerous hypothetical ways of recounting the Florida ballots. Under some methods, Gore would have emerged the winner; in others, Bush, but in each one, the margin of victory was smaller than the 537-vote lead that state election officials ultimately awarded Bush. According to the study, the race was so close that it is possible to get different results simply by applying different hypothetical vote-counting methods to the thousands of uncounted ballots, and in every case, the ballot review produced a result that was even closer than the official count.

Gore's post-election tactics, the study showed to be flawed and, in retrospect, why the Bush strategy of resisting county-by-county recounts was ultimately successful. If Gore had succeeded in his effort to force recounts of undervotes in the four Democratic counties, Miami-Dade, Broward, Palm Beach and Volusia, he still would have lost, although by 225 votes rather than 537 but a statewide recount, on the other hand, an approach Gore and his lawyers rejected as impractical could have produced enough votes to tilt the election his way, no matter what standard was chosen to judge voter intent. Another, according to the study, is the overseas absentee ballots that arrived after Election Day, a total of 680 of the late arriving ballots did not meet Florida's standards yet were still counted, for which most of those flawed ballots were accepted in counties that favored Bush, after an aggressive effort by Bush strategists to pressure officials to accept them. ...

Rights supporters were victorious on four ballot measures, out of five possible, Tuesday November 6, on amendments dealing with discrimination against Gays

and Lesbians, and benefits for same-sex partners. In Houston, voters narrowly approved an amendment to the city charter prohibiting the city from offering benefits to the same-sex domestic partners of city employees. In Michigan, voters in Traverse City and Kalamazoo rejected amendments that would have prevented their cities from enacting policies protecting Gays from discrimination. In Huntington Woods, voters upheld a city ordinance banning anti Gay discrimination. In Miami Beach, voters said the city should provide benefits to the domestic partners of city employees. ...

In their effort to get a statewide employment non discrimination act passed, the Arizona Human Rights Fund, the state-wide Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender (GLBT) rights group will be holding a forum in Tucson, Thursday, November 29, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at Wingspan, 300 East Sixth Street.

Arizona ENDA would prohibit employers in the state from using a person's sexual orientation, gender identity or gender expression as the basis for employment decisions—such as firing, hiring, promotion, or compensation. One of the featured speakers at the forum will be state Senator Elaine Richardson, D-Tucson, one of the GLBT community's strongest voices and biggest supporters in the Arizona Legislature. ...

Jesús Romo, a civil rights attorney based in Pima County, Arizona, will announce his candidacy for U. S. Congress, in front of the San Xavier del Bac Mission, on Thursday, November 15, to represent Arizona's newly created 7th District. Romo is a life-long Democrat who seeks his party's nomination in the September 2002 primary election. The general election will follow in November 2002. According to Romo's campaign spokesperson, Ramon Garcia, Romo's campaign will be doing an outreach to the GLBT community. For more information, go to <http://www.RomoForCongress.com>.

Italians Key In Two HIV Vaccine Advances

MILAN, Italy - Researchers at the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development in Milan report they have discovered a harmless herpes virus, Human Herpes virus 6 (HHV-6), appears to prevent a form of HIV from reproducing in lab cultures of human tissue.

In a report appearing in the November issue of Nature Medicine, the Italian scientists report that HHV-6 blocks HIV from latching onto T-cell surface receptors. The herpes virus essentially "plugs" the T-cell's CCR5 receptors so that it is impossible for HIV to fuse to the T cell.

The herpes virus blocks only early variants of HIV and does not appear to affect HIV variants that are typical with later stages of infection. At a later stage in infection HIV binds to a different receptor, CXCR5.

"This finding provides insight into how a harmless virus might affect the immune system in a way that slows the reproduction of a lethal virus," said re-

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COMMENTARY

Salvation Army Shows Its True Colors

By Jody Renaldo

After instituting a policy of allowing the partners of Gay and Lesbian employees the fair right and access to health care benefits, the Salvation Army rescinded its policy, leaving many shocked and angry.

On November 2, the Human Rights Campaign (HRC), a national Gay and Lesbian civil rights organization, commended the Salvation Army's Western Corporation for extending health care benefits to domestic partners of its employees.

The decision by the Salvation Army's Western Corporation to extend the health care benefits reflects the diversity of America's families and moves the group toward compliance with a San Francisco ordinance that bars companies from doing business with the city that do not provide equal benefits, says HRC.

Changes in the American family dictated a change in policy, the Salvation Army said in a November 1 news statement. The Western Corporation will "extend the scope of its employee benefits to include access to health care for other adults in employees' households," it said.

"This decision reflects our concern for the health of our employees and those closest to them, and is made on the basis of strong ethical and moral reasoning that reflects the dramatic changes in family structure in recent years," said Col. Phillip D. Needham, chief secretary for the Salvation Army's Western Corporation, headquartered in Long Beach, California.

However, several other Christian organizations were not pleased with the

Salvation Army decision. The American Family Association (AFA) - which is headquartered in Tupelo, Mississippi - immediately called on its nationwide membership urging them to, in protest, flood the Salvation Army with emails, faxes, and phone calls.

The pressure put on the Salvation Army by the AFA worked. On November 12, the Salvation Army rescinded its decision to offer health care benefits to domestic partners of its employees, and instead issued a new decision that only extends health care benefits to an employee's spouse and dependent children.

I was not surprised that the Salvation Army did an about face. I used to work for the Salvation Army. I know how they work behind the scenes. When I heard about them offering these health care benefits, the first thing I thought was that they did it to save face because of the embarrassment and shame they went through with the whole 'Faith-based Initiatives' program being championed by President Bush.

In July, a controversy erupted after the The Washington Post reported on a leaked Salvation Army memo. It said that in exchange for the group's support on the Bush administration's faith-based initiative, the administration had made a "firm commitment" to shield religious charities that receive federal funds from city and statewide ordinances that protect Gays and Lesbians from discrimination.

Under intense pressure from civil rights groups and members of Congress who were outraged by the reported deal, the White House retreated and announced it was no longer pursuing the discriminatory regulation championed by the Salvation Army.

The Salvation Army stepped forward and publicly gave health care benefits to domestic partners of their employees, and then turned right around and took it away. When they announced the new policy, they based it on being ethical and moral. How ethical and moral is it to lie to, and turn its back on, its employees and their families? What intrigues me the most is that the Salvation Army has apparently fallen victim to a brand of discrimination themselves. In July they were fighting for the right to discriminate against Gays and Lesbians. Now because of the decision they made concerning health care benefits, they fell victim to discrimination in their own Christian realm. Christian organizations like the AFA and Family Research Council (FRC) thrive on its anti Gay and ex-Gay programs. They try their best to turn people that God has supposedly told the world He hates anyway, into profitable, attention-getting publicity machines who will finally contribute to society, by way of additional anti Gay and ex-Gay rhetoric, and the economy by increasing family values fundraising and church tithing. Indeed, us Gays and Lesbians make them a lot of money. They aren't about to give that up.

[Jody Renaldo is the executive director of Equality Mississippi. Equality Mississippi (formerly Mississippi Gay Lobby) was founded in March of 2000, and exists to educate Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgendered (LGBT) Mississippians about their community, its history, and about issues of relevance to them. Equality Mississippi operates a web site at www.equalityms.org.]

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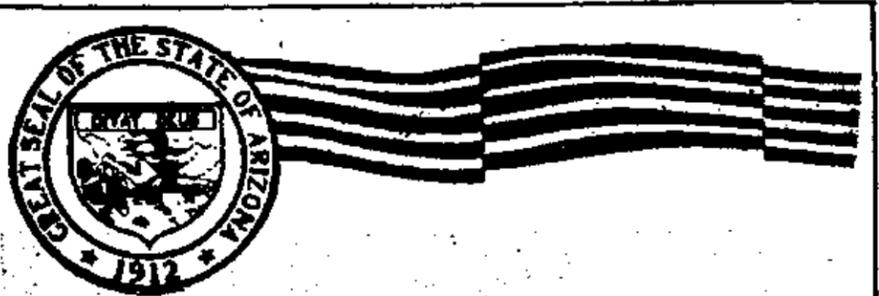
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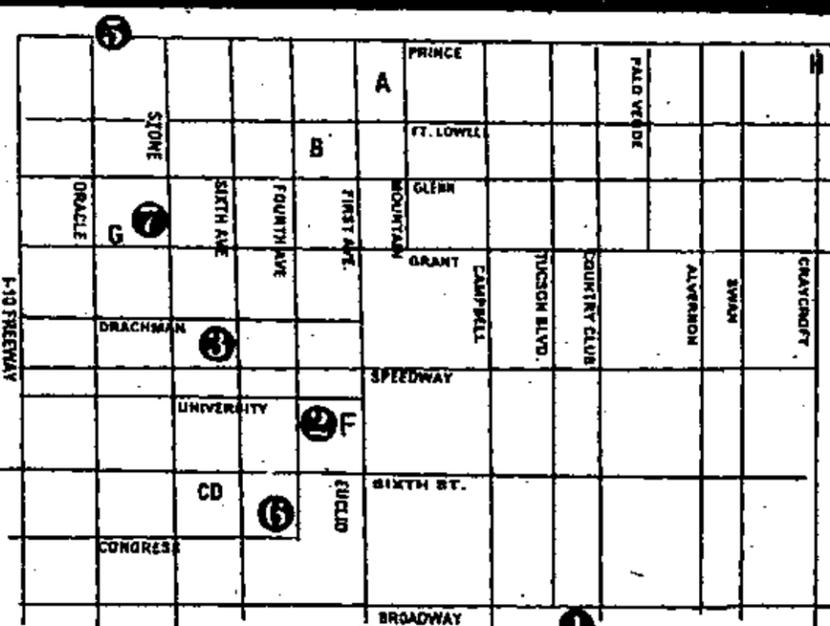
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ENTERTAINMENT BRIEFS.....

LONDON, UK - Five years after the last bottle of Bolly disappeared, Pats and Eddy are back with new AB FAB episodes on Comedy Central, that started last Monday, November 12, 10:00 p.m. (Tucson Time).

Coughing and spluttering their way into the 21st century, Pats and Eddy return as gloriously outrageous as ever and fully stocked for a new season of over-indulgence. Edina (Jennifer Saunders) has moved with the times, expanding from PR to the interactive world of television production. Patsy (Joanna Lumley) has been promoted to Managing Editor of her glossy magazine - despite her continuing use of banned substances.

Edina's daughter Saffy (Julia Sawalha) continues her attempts to move out of her mother's house by attaching herself to various New Labour committees as well as beginning to write plays for fringe theatre. Edina's mother (June Whitfield) has taken up salsa dancing and surfing for porn. Jane Horrocks now plays both the scatter-brained production assistant Bubble and a brand new character, Katy Grin, a saccharine sweet TV host with a ruthless streak.

The world has changed since 1996, when AB FAB last aired, and so too has the world of Pats and Eddy. Not only has Bolly been replaced with "Veve and Bourb" (champagne and bourbon), but in 21st century world of reality television and celebrity worship, the focus of their lives has shifted as well. Indeed, Saunders, who writes the series, could not resist seeing how her comic creations would fare in "a world of SEX AND THE CITY slickness."

"The idea of celebrity," says Saunders, "is probably the biggest change in the new series. Eddy's got a production company because it seems everyone has one. It's turned into a world of presenters - minor celebrities famous for reading off the (teleprompter)."

Not to fear, however, Pats and Eddy remain their chain-smoking, booze-swilling, trend-chasing selves. Some of the debauchery featured in the new season:

Patsy convinces Edina to grow old gracefully with the help of Parralox injections to freeze her wrinkles.

Pats and Eddy go moshing at a Marilyn Manson concert.

The pair visit Paris (and Christian Lacroix) when Patsy does a fashion shoot with supermodel Erin O'Connor.

Edina embarks on a detox regime and enrolls herself in a British Military fitness program.

Pats & Eddy trip over themselves to get Saffy's autobiographical play cancelled as it is set to open.

Pats and Eddy go to an MA (Menopause Anonymous) meeting in an effort to share their feelings and learn to love their hormone patches.

The new season also features dazzling celebrity appearances by Twiggy, Christian Lacroix, supermodel Erin O'Connor, Crispin Bonham-Carter (Helena's brother), French actor Sacha Distel, Marianne Faithfull and Anita Pallenberg.

Consult your local television listings for the appropriate time to indulge with Pats and Eddy.

Showtime will release *Queer as Folk*-Season One on video on January 8. All 22 episodes of the groundbreaking Gay-themed series' first season will be available in a six-disc DVD boxed set featuring nearly three hours of extras or on a five-tape VHS set. Extras will include character bios, extended scenes, an introduction by actor Hal Sparks, outtakes, a photo gallery, and commentary on three of the episodes by producers and cast members. ...

Out composer-lyricist Stephen Sondheim has granted permission for an upcoming British film to use his musical *Sweeney Todd*. The film, *Sweeney*, will follow an opera company's performance of the play in a maximum security prison. Funded by BBC Two, the film will be directed by documentary filmmaker Francesca Joseph. The film's producer, Ruth Calcb, said, "Francesca Joseph has devised a film of real ambition. Not only is it about the redemptive qualities of music, it also provides a way of looking at people on the edge of society with compassion." *Sweeney* will mark the first time that Sondheim has given permission for the work to be performed outside a theater. ...

Out writer-actor Rupert Everett and *Absolutely Fabulous* costar Jane Horrocks will join singer Robbie Williams at his Royal Albert Hall concert Wednesday night, which will feature the singer performing a "Frank Sinatra-style spectacular" with a 58-piece backing band. Four Weddings and a Funeral scribe Richard Curtis has written the script for the show, which has been inspired by the Rat Pack-era performances of Sinatra, Dean Martin, and Sammy Davis Jr. ...

A stage version of the 1980 Gay favorite *Xanadu* opened Thursday, October 11, in Los Angeles. *Xanadu Live!* features a cast of 24 roller skaters dancing and lip-synching through a loving homage to the Olivia Newton-John disco musical. Performances run through November 11 at the Gascon Center Theatre, 8737 Washington Blvd., in Culver City, Calif. Proceeds benefit the American Cancer Society's breast cancer program and Equity Fights AIDS. ...

Joseph Triebwasser, the openly Gay writer of the festival favorite *Friends and Family*, was chosen by *Variety* as one of the trade publication's "10 Screenwriters to Watch." *Friends and Family* is a comedy about two Gay hit men trying to hide their mob ties from their respective families. Triebwasser says the idea came as he and his boyfriend spent several months at the bedside of a dying family friend. "We had lots of time on our hands, so we just started talking about happier things, like movies we'd like to make."

Safe Sex

Is Bringing Men Together

LONGSHOTS... by Thomas Long

'The Greatest Thing!'

A few weeks ago, I sent out a survey to everyone I keep in touch with via email. I wanted to know, what was the one thing in the last ten years that stuck out in their minds as the single most significant event. The replies that I received were startling- they ranged from deeply personal (the suicide death of a partner) to political (the Florida vote fiasco) to headline-making events (the death of Matthew Shepherd). I had left the question relatively open-ended, almost vague, because I wanted to see how differently people react to the same question - how differently do people see their world.

Of course, this was before the world changed all the rules on September 11, 2001.

I doubt now that any of those correspondents would respond with anything other than the terrorist attack on the World Trade Centers, and the war on terrorism that began on that day. It is the singular most significant thing of the last ten years for many reasons - as many reasons as there are opinions. For some, it was the fact that it was an attack on American soil. For others, the sheer, numbing realization of how much the skyline had changed - and the horrible, human cost. For others, it was the event itself - the replaying of the incident again and again; the image of people leaping to their deaths, holding hands.

As I think about the attack -the unbelievable of it; the horror and anger because of it- I have to think about our reaction to it. Not as a Gay culture, or as Americans necessarily, but as part of the unblinking millions who cannot understand the passions that would drive anyone to commit that kind of act. What does it feel like, I wonder, to be so impassioned by one's beliefs that they would fly a plane into those buildings. And us - could we feel something, anything, as profoundly? Or, in our quest for political correctness, have we become less passionate?

As Americans we are hated by some people in the world. As Gay people, we know a thing or two about being hated simply for existing. What we have known as a society for years has become a hallmark for the rest of America; that there are times when you must stand up for who and what you are, proudly. In our case, our

existence can pull families apart; it can lead to the loss of jobs and rights; it can be tied up on fenceposts, left to die.

But I have to wonder, of our response to the attacks: without negating the need to do something, to stop the madness, I wonder, are we right in retaliation? Is our quality of hatred a better thing than theirs, simply because we were the ones attacked? I remember a time in this country - in our parent's lifetimes - when hatred of black people ended in murder in this country. That wasn't so long ago. And despite our need to move past that time, it's not so long ago that we can't recall the shame it brought to all of us. Will there ever be common ground, I wonder? Isn't part of the problem that we exist in a world that supports borders in the first place - that manifests the idea of "them"; at all.

The world changed this year, for all of us. It has become a place less safe, less secure, less friendly. We are less sure of ourselves - tentative and afraid in travels and conversations. Terrorized not only by the acts against New York, but by putting ourselves beyond such attacks in our minds. That is the violation we cannot overcome in the weeks since the attack. And the outpouring of money and emotion at those who faced loss in New York City -those who died trying to help others, and those that died simply because they were there - will remembering them help the healing process? Things like this create more questions than answers - and perhaps questions are a good thing.

Here's the last question, then: what happens next? As the terrorist war continues; will we finally find a common ground upon which all peoples can come together? Will, perhaps, uniting with a single cause against a common perceived menace force us at last to take a meaningful look at how we treat one another in this country? Will part of the healing be a recognition that all of us - Gay, straight, Muslim, Jewish, Catholic, Buddhist, middle eastern or middle aged - are part of a single, hopeful race?

The world changed. And the greatest thing is -the true longshot in this atrocity- is finding the courage to make the change a lasting, meaningful, positive thing; a thing that ultimately unites us in differences.

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Dear Dr. X:

My partner and I are both HIV negative. However, he has Hepatitis C and we've been having unprotected sex. If the Hep C virus is transmitted only through blood (unlike HIV, which can be transmitted through blood and semen) how would I get it and what are the chances of me becoming infected? By the way, I also got a tattoo about five years ago. Should I be worried?

Signed,
Worried about Hep C

Dear Worried:

Great that you and your partner are HIV negative and please stay that way. I hear your concerns about Hepatitis C. The Hepatitis C virus can be transmitted through coming in contact with infected blood, contaminated razors, needles or other personal products that could contain infected blood.

Any contact with infected blood that gets in your body certainly would be a potential risk no matter the circumstance. According to the American Liver Foundation, there have been occasional documented cases of people with chronic Hepatitis C transmitting the virus to their monogamous/long-term sexual partner. Those with only one long-term/monogamous partner need not change their sexual practices.

Transmission of Hepatitis C happens less frequently sexually, than other activities that provide direct exposure through the skin by infected blood. If you are not aware of what your own hepatitis status is then I suggest you consider finding out, much like you have with your HIV status. Prevention and education are important ways of caring for yourself and your partner no matter what the condition. I'm sure your partner will appreciate your investing the time in understanding more about his being Hep C positive as well.

Ah.... The tattoo! I hope you're happy with the tattoo you chose. So long as you chose a tattoo artist that used sterile disposable needles, new ink, wears latex gloves, all instruments & equipment are sterilized and is clear about using and following good health & safety standards then your probably fine. Have doubts? Consider testing with a local physician. My best to you and your partner. I appreciate your enthusiasm in seeking health information and your interest in self-preservation.

Dear Dr. X:

I am only 17 and I am slipping into the bars. I have a fake ID and I have been to two bars in the last month. I get nervous that I will be found out.

I want to be with Gay men. I am very horny and I like to seduce older guys between twenty-four and forty. They go for me because I look so young. The sex is so much hotter with adult men. What should I do?

Signed,
Minorly Concerned

Dear MC:

I am very concerned that you are

in a high-risk place. If you are under the legal age to be in a Gay bar then you run the risk of getting arrested. You also risk having the bar shut down by the city and losing their liquor license.

The fake ID is not a very responsible thing to have. I have many liberal ideas and think it's OK to bend the rules when it is harmless but you are putting many people in jeopardy. If you are sleeping with men over eighteen and more like twenty-five to forty, you put them at risk for having sex with a minor. You might think your actions are basically harmless, but you are putting many people in a place of unknowingly breaking laws that can get them fined or imprisoned. How would you feel if you were thirty and a cute young guy seduced you and you ended up doing time? Hello!

I know you are anxious to get out with the legal adults but if you are seventeen you have to wait a few more years. Please call my friends Mike and Ruben at Queervoic at (520) 620-6245. They can get you connected with other guys your age and help you build a safer social environment. Please keep in mind that you may get in over your head with older guys. They may seem like putty in your hand but you may also end up in a dangerous situation. Good luck and be patient.

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

Italians Key In Two HIV Vaccine Advances
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researcher Duane Alexander. "Future research could lead to new drugs that can better help the immune system to fend off HIV and may even lead to new strategies for designing a vaccine against HIV."

The Wall Street Journal also reports this week promising results from a joint research effort between the National Institutes of Health and Infectious Diseases and the University of Catanzaro in Italy.

Scientists have been working with combinations of HIV antibodies and amino acids culled from other viruses in the hopes of provoking an immune response powerful enough to prevent infection. Early experiments with monkeys have proved successful.

Researchers reportedly engineered bacteriophages--viruses that infect bacteria--to produce millions of random amino acid combinations, called peptides. Combined with HIV antibodies, the peptide mixture provoked a powerful autoimmune response. Four of five vaccinated monkeys developed HIV antibodies and were able to fight off a virulent strain of the virus.

Vaccine researcher David Montefiori of Duke University's Center for AIDS Research told the WSJ the vaccine candidate was "potentially very exciting" but noted that the direct impact of the antibodies cannot be determined without further study.

queer artists and social activism

Thursday, November 15, 6:30 - 9:00pm
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A Community Forum Co-sponsored by Wingspan and the Gay Men's Health Project of the Southern Arizona Aids Foundation (SAAF). Reception to follow discussion.

A panel of LGBT artists looks at the current atmosphere of crisis and discusses ways artists can build community, change perceptions, break down barriers and generate support for activist goals in today's emotionally charged climate.

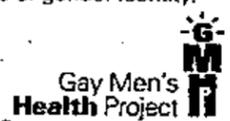
Panelists:

David E. Hoffman, co-founder of Green Thursday Theatre Project and Reveille Gay Men's Chorus.

Carrie Moyer, designer for New York City's Dyke Action Machine which is dedicated to challenging the compulsory heterosexuality of most advertising and promoting dyke visibility via sophisticated graphics.

Michael Petillo, a visual artist whose work confronts issues of gender identity.

Beverly Seckinger, founder and director of the Lesbian Looks festival and a media arts professor now completing a personal video account of the reaction to the murder of Matthew Shepard in 1998 in Laramie, Wyoming.



Gay Men's Health Project is a collaborative effort of Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation (SAAF), Pima County Health Dept., and Wingspan

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ARIES

MARCH 21 - APRIL 20

Proud Rams may yearn to feather their nest as Jupiter and the Sun kiss their personal life. Home, family and deep interpersonal interactions blend to a melodious harmony. Belt it Out baby and tend to any irritative issues in these areas now when your charm alone seems to quell restive waters. If you are not proudly out to parents, this is a good time to open up that closet. Now!

TAURUS

APRIL 21 - MAY 21

Queer Bulls wax eloquent when Jupiter and the Sun buddy up this week. Any one to one relationship, either for business or pleasure, reaps the benefit of your astute insights. But honey, words alone won't get the job done; it's also time to roll up your sleeves and get physical. Happily, all efforts go to a good cause (your happiness) so get off your duff and get a little dirty.

GEMINI

MAY 22 - JUNE 21

Extravagant pink Twins either break the bank or have it crash on their toes. What matter these wounds? Jupiter and the Sun have a way of making your life a little easier no matter how irresponsibly you behave. Finances go a bit more smoothly now as the day to day job gives you the recognition and payback you deserve. Hmm, so what type of reward do you actually deserve?

CANCER

JUNE 22 - JULY 23

Stand back world: proud Crabs are divas for a day. Sun trine Jupiter form an unbeatable duo which grants you unparalleled popularity and charm. Milk it for what it's worth dear, queer Cancer and cram that foot into the slipper if you can. This fabulousness will fade with the dawn and you'll be back to tending the pumpkin patch in your rags before you can bat an eyelash.

LEO

JULY 24 - AUGUST 23

It takes more than pure moxie to make the world a little louder and prouder, queer Lion. The Jupiter / Sun partnership enhances your ability to make good deeds pay off figuratively and literally so put your money where your mouth is or seek contributions to our cause. Harmony even reigns at home. Does this mean that you have reconciled with your family? Well!

VIRGO

AUGUST 24 - SEPTEMBER 23

Resolve any disputes you have with friends or social acquaintances during the Jupiter / Sun trine. You can turn even your most underhanded, specious motives into something unequivocally divine. In fact, you won't settle for less than mutual honesty and harmony even if you have to discuss it to the nth degree. But do you really have to discuss it to the nth degree?

LIBRA

SEPTEMBER 24 - OCTOBER 23

Even if the career has been getting you down, proud Libras can professionally rise and rejoice with the Jupiter / Sun trine. Competitors are flushed out, efforts are recognized and valued by those in authority and you may get a little extra dough for your sweat. Not bad! But strike while the corporate fire is raging. Lazy Libras are shuttled to the mailroom or even worse - research.

HOROSCOPES

BY C. LICHTENSTEIN

SCORPIO

OCTOBER 24 - NOVEMBER 22

Gay Scorps take the legal profession by storm with the Jupiter / Sun transit. Disputes can be resolved to your benefit as you win friends and influence people to act on your behalf. Even the most afflicted Scorpios make spectacular first impressions; Dress the part and take it to the stage. It's an excellent time to plan (and execute) the perfect vacation. Do I see Key West on the itinerary?

SAGITTARIUS

NOVEMBER 23 - DECEMBER 22

Rainbow Archers rev up their internal resources to achieve personal harmony and connection to others. Volunteer for a good Gay cause and see how much you can achieve for the benefit of our community. Jupiter and the Sun form an unbeatable offensive line that is poised to score big (and since this transit impacts sexual energy, need I say more...?). Make a pass. Touchdown!

CAPRICORN

DECEMBER 23 - JANUARY 20

Partnerships find a way of bridging your more global ideas with the concerns of local social groups and organizations. Seek advice and guidance. Queer Caps should use the Jupiter / Sun trine to harness and control various commitments and adapt them to bona fide Gay concerns. Also use this time to improve relationships or seek one that is right for you. The planets don't lie, bud.

AQUARIUS

JANUARY 21 - FEBRUARY 19

Aqueerians find that the beneficial trine between Jupiter and Sun can launch a career into the stratosphere. If you've been putting in the time and effort into your professional dream, be prepared to have that dream come true. Of course this transit can also mean that a honed bod can catch the eye of the boss as easily as a honed mind. Ahem. What type of retirement plan did you have in mind?

PISCES

FEBRUARY 20 - MARCH 20

If you hanker to express yourself creatively, I suggest you dive into it now in a wild artistic frenzy. What delightful pastimes can lead you to new, exotic and possibly international adventures? I don't know but you may want to ask Jupiter and the Sun who are, even now, buying your ticket. It could be a trip to the moon on gossamer wings (...and ain't it always just one of those things?)

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The First Pheromone-Based Fragrance For The Gay Market

LOS ANGELES, CA - It is Greg Nimer's mission to change the way Gay men see themselves. To that end, his company, 10% Productions, is launching TEN by Intense, the first fragrance for the Gay market formulated with an exclusive, patented, man-to-man pheromone based on advanced scientific research.

Nimer, founder, president and chief executive officer of 10% Productions, has always been a fragrance aficionado. Twenty years ago, he owned a perfume store, and he watched with interest as pheromones, the chemical "messages" (in reality steroid molecules created in the skin) given off by individuals, began to make fragrance news. He was intrigued by the pheromone concept, but until recently did not believe it was backed up by quantifiable research.

"I always wanted to develop the perfect cologne," says Nimer. "Most men's fragrances are what I call either 'full throttle' or 'full brake.' They're either overpowering or they disappear. I wanted to create something long-lasting, but not overpowering—decidedly masculine, but clean and fresh—that wouldn't completely take over a room."

More important to Nimer, however, was the ability of the fragrance to emit a magnetic aura—in this case, man-to-man. Enter the power of pheromones developed by Human Pheromone Sciences, Inc., (HPS), a technology-based pioneer in the synthesis of human pheromones. William P. Horgan, chairman and CEO of HPS, describes pheromones as the body's natural attractants sent out as airborne signals to others. They stimulate the vomeronasal organ (VNO), a tiny chemical receptor in the nose, which is connected to the hypothalamus, the gland in the brain that triggers the chemicals responsible for emotions. More important, recent research at the University of Chicago, as reported in The Washington Post and the Los Angeles Times, has not only shown that certain chemicals similar to male and female sex hormones trigger distinctive brain activity when sniffed by the opposite sex, but has been able to quantify the results.

Using various testing methods, encompassing magnetic resonance imaging (MRI), clinical studies at leading institutions, including the prestigious Karolinska Institute in Stockholm, Sweden, indicate that the physiological effects of pheromones are consistently measurable in humans. These studies also validate that a particular pheromone can generate improved self-perception while reducing negative emotions.

Horgan calls the VNO the transmitter of "silent chemical cues to the brain." His company licenses the exclusive pheromone compound found in TEN by Intense to 10% Productions.

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TEN by Intense premieres in November 2001. Initial distribution will number about 100 independent Gay retailers. Nimer expects domestic distribution of the new fragrance to top off at 250 doors, with international distribution rolling out early in 2002 to Europe and Australia. While he does not expect the new scent to become the top-selling men's fragrance brand, he believes it can do \$4 million at retail in the initial 100 doors and swell to \$8 to \$10 million with full distribution. Ancillary body care products are planned for 2002, as well as a fragrance for the female-to-female market.

Nimer is planning a \$1 million advertising and promotion campaign that includes national and regional magazines, billboards, cable and spot television commercials, scent strips, heavy sampling, direct mail and Internet marketing on the company's site, www.10percent.com. The advertising theme for TEN by Intense utilized throughout the campaign is: "Gain confidence...seduce the senses...get the man."

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Students Sue For Gay Club

FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP, IN - Members of a group including Gay and straight students have sued Franklin Central High School for asking the group to change its name in order to meet during school hours.

The Franklin Central Gay/Straight Alliance filed the lawsuit this month in federal court in Indianapolis with assistance from the Indiana Civil Liberties Union.

One of the group's founders, senior Amy Obermeyer, 17, told The Indianapolis Star that school officials wanted the group to change its name in order to meet during study hall on Thursdays like other clubs. "Just by having to change the name, it would show that the school was a very homophobic environment," Obermeyer said.

Franklin Township school board attorney Tom Wheeler said officials are concerned that Gay students would be singled out by others because of the group's name. A diversity club, he told the newspaper, could address the same issues "from a more holistic basis."



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Porn Causes Murder Conviction To Be Overturned

BATON ROUGE, LA - A Mississippi man serving a life sentence for murder could be released after a federal court overturned his 1983 conviction because evidence of Gay pornography was withheld at trial.

Charles Faulkner's new first-degree murder trial is scheduled for this week, but prosecutors may ask for a delay because they're unfamiliar with the 18-year-old case. Faulkner's lawyer, Laurie White, said Faulkner should be offered a manslaughter plea, which would allow his immediate release from the Louisiana state prison at Angola.

Faulkner, 46, was convicted for his role in the murder of Steven Radoste of Pearl River, La. Faulkner's friend Frederick Kirkpatrick admitted bludgeoning, stabbing, and shooting Radoste to death, but Faulkner was also convicted for his role in a related robbery. At trial Faulkner argued that Radoste had provoked the attack by making sexual overtures to Kirkpatrick. But the fact that Gay pornographic maga-

zines were present at the crime scene—Radoste's home—was suppressed during the trial. When questioned during trial, a sheriff's detective described the publications as Playboy magazines and denied seeing any publications with nude male photos. But in an appeal hearing years later, officer Dorothy Hibben said Gay male pornographic magazines were "all over the place."

The U.S. district court overturned Faulkner's murder conviction in February, blaming the prosecution for suppressing the evidence regarding the Gay porn magazines, which the court called exculpatory evidence. Kirkpatrick had been sentenced to death at his trial, but after reviewing the same suppressed evidence in the mid 1990s, the federal courts sent his case back to the state level for hearings on the new information. Kirkpatrick made a deal with prosecutors and received a life sentence. Faulkner then appealed, alleging that prosecution presented false testimony and withheld evidence that could have changed the trial's outcome.

Faulkner and Kirkpatrick were hitchhiking from their home in Meridian, Miss., to New Orleans in January 1982, when Radoste picked them up, took them to his home in Pearl River, and invited them to spend the night, according to testimony. That night Radoste was struck in the head with a heavy object, stabbed twice with a butcher knife, and shot. His home was robbed, and the men stole his pickup truck, drove it to Mississippi, and burned it. Prosecutors argued that both men intended to kill Radoste during the robbery, so Faulkner was guilty of first-degree murder because he played a role in the robbery and



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"In the suicide note read in court this week, Marcus Wayman said, 'I'm sorry grandpa, I found my future ... I won't let everyone's life be ruined by mine.'

"We will never know what would have become of Marcus Wayman. We can never begin to understand his mother's grief. Somehow, she found the extraordinary courage to come forward to hold these officers accountable.

"A year ago this week, Mrs. Sterling's lawsuit secured a landmark appeals court decision on the right to privacy for Lesbians and Gay men. That new precedent is already helping countless teens nationwide, and it will continue to. This week, we sought justice for Mrs. Sterling and her son.

"Tonight the officers were cleared of all charges. This is a heartbreaking injustice. Public officials have a duty to protect and serve everyone, including Lesbians and Gay men. Rather than 'first do no harm,' these officers directly contributed to a young man's death.

"Sometimes we win cases; sometimes we don't. Rarely is the pain of losing as profound as it is tonight. We grieve all over again for Marcus Wayman, for his mother and for Gay people across America.

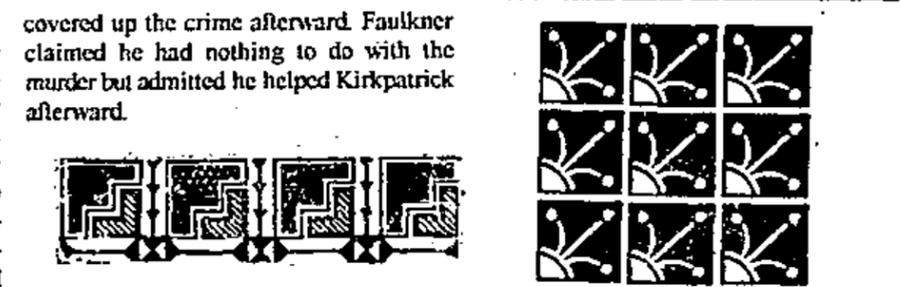
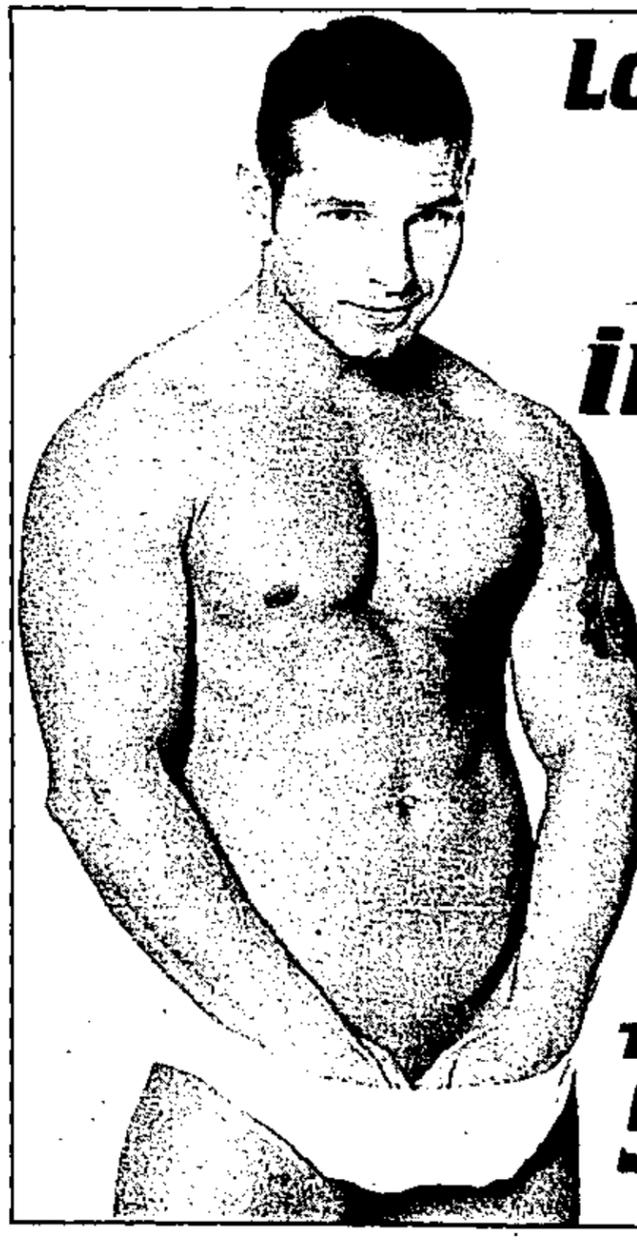
"For so many people who share in this loss and wonder what can be done: Get involved to help Gay youth. Volunteer with an LGBT youth group. Give your skills, your time or your money to groups that help families and youth understand sexual orientation. Help get schools, police stations and others to conduct training on handling anti-Gay harassment. Let that, not a misguided jury verdict, be the legacy of this family."

Three Men Indicted

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door asking if he was Gay. When the victim said he was not, one of men punched him in the face and called him "a Gay lover." The victim said the three men then punched and kicked him. Short and Westfall are each charged with battery, assault, and two counts of criminal trespass. Lanier faces two counts of battery and two counts of criminal trespass.

covered up the crime afterward. Faulkner claimed he had nothing to do with the murder but admitted he helped Kirkpatrick afterward.

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Non-Bar Calendar

Groups / Clubs / Organizations

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 14

Tucson Prime Timers Video night at 7:00 p.m. Movies with a non-pornographic Gay theme will be shown. Phone: David E. at 740-0620

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 15

Gay Men's Health Project of the Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation and Wingspan co-sponsoring a community forum. Panel of LGBT artists look at the current atmosphere of crisis and discuss ways artists can build community, change perceptions, break down barriers and general support for activist goals in today's emotionally charged climate. Panelists include David Hoffman, Carrie Mopyer, Michael Petito and Beverly Seckinger. 6:30 until 9:00 p.m.

8:00 p.m. Tantra Video. Call Marc at 881-4582 for information. Have more passion in your life.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 17

1. Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 9:00 a.m. Join Rick and Jack for a morning of Volleyball. This is played for fun, and you'll get to know some nice guys as you play. For details and directions, please call Rick at 818-1516, or Jack at 881-5733.

2. 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+ really nice guys. For reservations and directions, please call Marty at 722-8531.

Tucson Prime Timers Lunch/Business meeting at 12:00 p.m. Home Town Buffet, 5101 N. Oracle rd. Next to Red Lobster NW corner N. Oracle Rd. & W. River Rd. Phone: 622-1835

Tucson Prime Timers Drinks and food at 5:00 p.m. Woody's, 3710 N. Oracle Rd. North of Prince Rd. Phone: 622-1835

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 18

The 13th Annual Jerome Beillard 'Festival for Life' to benefit the Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation. Marriott University Park Ballroom. Silent Auction 4:00 p.m. Live Auction at 5:00 p.m. The event features fine art from locally and nationally recognized artists, designer holiday trees, wreaths and memorabilia, unique gift items, celebrity collectibles and Paper Prayers. Tickets are \$30 in advance, \$35 at the door. For more information call SAAF at 628-7223.

Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 8:00 a.m. Join Curt for a moderate hike (3-5 miles). For more information, please contact Curt at 722-1842.

Miss Gay Arizona USofA 2002 Pageant at the Inn Suites Hotel & Resort, 475 N. Granada. Tickets \$16 in advance or \$20 at the door. For more information call 322-0001.

4-6 p.m. The New Men's Group Massage - a great way to meet new men. Fee. Call 881-4582.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 19

Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 6:00 p.m. The Triangle Tribe is a support group that helps you deal with yourself and your relationships with others. For directions and reservations, please call Tom at 318-1650.

Tucson Prime Timers Lunch at 1:00 p.m. The Wildcat House 1800 N. Stone Ave., South of Grant Rd. Phone: 622-1835

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 20

Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. Join Joe for an evening out at Rainbow Planet. This is a chance to have a cup of coffee and chat with the men of MSN. For directions or more info, please call Joe at 866-1536.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 21

Tucson Prime Timers Lunch at 1:00 p.m. Red Sky Cafe, 1661N. Swan Rd. At SW corner of Swan & Pima. - Prices \$6.75 to \$9.25. Reservations required! Phone: 622-1835

Tucson Prime Timers Video night at 7:00 p.m. Movies with a non-pornographic Gay theme will be shown. Phone: David E. at 740-0620

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 22

Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 1:00 p.m. Join Bill and other MSN guys for a traditional Thanksgiving meal. The main dishes will be provided, and we ask you to bring a side dish to share. For reservations and directions, please call Bill at 548-7539.

2:00 p.m. Thanksgiving Dinner for Man to Man members.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 23

1. Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 8:00 p.m. Join us for the first movie of a western double feature: "Cat Ballou". This classic western comedy stars Jane Fonda and Lee Marvin. For reservations and directions, please call Les at 690-9565.

2. Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 8:00 p.m. The night's second movie with a western theme is a James Garner classic: "Support Your Local Sheriff". The fun and wry comedy is about the new sheriff in town who uses unconventional methods to tame the townfolk. For reservations and directions, please call Les at 690-9565.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 24

Tucson Prime Timers Drinks and food at 5:00 p.m. Woody's, 3710 N. Oracle Rd. North of Prince Rd. Phone: 622-1835

BAR CALENDAR

OF UPCOMING EVENTS

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 14

IBT'S - 9:00 p.m. Join the premiere of "Divicious", IBT's new Wednesday show starring Lucinda Holiday, Melissa Reynolds, Angela Dodd and Faith Michaels.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 16

IBT'S - Official HBO Britney Spears Special kick-off party. 9:00 p.m. The HBO telecast is on Sunday, Nov. 18th at 8:00 p.m. but come celebrate this pre-premiere Party featuring both DJ Q and DJ Rayman and log on to www.hbo.com/gf for a chance to win tickets to see Britney live on Sunday the 18th. Round trip transportation and accommodations provided by HBO.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 17

IBT'S - Special Pre-Pageant Show for Miss Gay Arizona USofA Pageant starring Erika Norrell (Miss Gay USofA 2001), Kofi, Toni Steele and Mr. Kenneth Blake.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 18

IBT'S - Party line-up includes Jeff's Bloody Mary Recovery Bar from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Karaoke with Billy Dee on the patio from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m., Benefit Bar-B-Que / Beer Bust from 5:30 to 8:00 p.m. This week's proceeds go to IBT's Arizona Angels softball team. Then at 8:00 p.m. a pre-Holiday Party! Enter to win a \$100 shopping spree at Tucson Mall. Drawing at Midnight. (One entry per person.) Plus drink specials.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 20

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - Budweiser Promo Nite here from 9:00 to 10:30 p.m. Longnecks \$1.50 during promo. Country Music from 8:30 p.m. No Cover.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 21

IBT'S - 9:00 p.m. a 'Divicious' Thanksgiving show hosted by Lucinda Holiday and starring Phaedra from Phoenix, Bunny FuFu and special guest.

THURSDAY, NOV. 22 - THANKSGIVING

IBT'S - Will open at 5:00 p.m. Thanksgiving Day.

VENTURE-N - Celebrate Thanksgiving Here. Open from 6:00 a.m. until 1:00 a.m. Turkey Pot-Luck at Noon. Jim prepares the turkey, you bring a side dish or a dessert.

WOODY'S - Will open at 5:00 p.m. Thanksgiving Day.

YARD DOG - Will open at 5:00 p.m. Thanksgiving Day.

Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 6:15 p.m. Bill will host Pinochle Night. An informal meet and greet session will be followed by the games at 7:00. For more information, please call Bill at 297-3569.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 25

Tucson Prime Timers Seniorap at 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Wingspan 300 E. 8th st. South side of 6th st. Between N. Stone Ave. and 4th Ave. David E. will facilitate a discussion of Gay senior men's concerns. This is an open discussion group. All welcome. Phone: David at 740-0620

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 26

Tucson Prime Timers Lunch at 1:00 p.m. The Wildcat House 1800 N. Stone Ave., South of Grant Rd. Phone: 622-1835

1. Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 6:00 p.m. The Triangle Tribe is a support group that helps you deal with yourself and your relationships with others. For directions and reservations, please call Tom at 318-1650.

2. 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.

3. Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 8:00 p.m. Join us for the MSN Premiere of the "The Mask of Zorro", a great movie with action, romance, comedy and Antonio Banderas! For reservations and directions, please call Les at 690-9565.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 27

1. Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. Perry hosts Bridge Night. If you're a beginner or an old pro, join the guys for a fun, relaxed night of Bridge. For reservations, please call Perry at 321-4387.

2. Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. Join Joe for an evening out at Rainbow Planet. This is a chance to have a cup of coffee and chat with the men of MSN. For directions or more info, please call Joe at 866-1536.

Tucson Prime Timers Dinner at 6:00 p.m. Hidden Valley Inn, 4825 N. Sabino Canyon Rd. No. of Tanque Verde Rd. & So. of Skyline Blvd. Reservations required! Phone: 622-1835

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 28

Tucson Prime Timers Video night at 7:00 p.m. Phone: David E. at 740-0620. Movies with a non-pornographic Gay theme will be shown.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 1

1. Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:30 a.m. Join the men of MSN on their latest birding expedition. This month, we'll head to Arivaca Clenega. For directions and more information, please call Gene at 625-8109.

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 8:30 to close. 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 3pm. Daily special til 7pm. Patio Beer bust 3-7. Burger Bar-B-Que 5-7. (Donation only).

WOODY'S - Open Noon. Dart tournament 3pm. Happy Hour 3-7pm. Patio Bar open 5-close. Pick-up Volleyball games 5-7. \$2.50 sirloin burger or chicken 5-9pm. Karaoke with Billy Dee 8pm.

YARD DOG - Open Sundays 10am - 1am. Bloody Marys or Screwdrivers \$1.75 from 10am - 1pm. 50¢ off any Rum 1pm-7pm. Kennel open daily at 5pm.

Monday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - Happy Hour Two-For-One 2-7. Football Madness \$1.75 Miller specials 8to close+Touchdown specials.

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. 9pm to close, 'Undie Mundie' Happy Hour prices for those in their undies. Plus, small pitchers Bud/Bud Light \$1.50. DJ Rayman plays house music 9pm to close. All drink specials not available during special events.

VENTURE-N - Open 6am. Patio open 5pm. Daily specials til 7pm.

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. Kennel open daily at 5pm.

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 Bud & Bud Light. Country music with DJ J. 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. Daily specials til 7pm.

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. \$3.50 Zombies or Jungle Juice. YARD DOG - Open daily 6am. 50¢ off any Tequila until 7pm. Kennel open daily at 5pm.

Wednesday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Happy Hour 2-4-1 from 2-7. College Nite. Dance Music with DJs 9pm-close. \$1.75 Buds or \$2 Karaokezoes 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. Daily specials til 7pm.

WOODY'S - Open Noon. Happy Hour 3-7pm. Shirtless Volleyball games start 7pm. Underwear Wednesday: 9 to close Happy Hour Prices for those in their undies. Patio bar open 7pm-midnight.

YARD DOG - Open daily 6am. 50¢ off any Vodka until 7pm. Kennel open daily at 5pm.

Thursday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Karaoke w/Stephanie 9-close. \$2 Karaokezoes 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. Daily special til 7pm. Pool Tournament 7pm. 3 entry. (Special prices for players).

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. Kennel open daily at 5pm.

Friday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Happy Hour Two-For-One 2-7. Free food at 5:30pm. Dance music 8:30-1 w/DJ Hill. Drink specials all night.

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. Patio open 5pm. Daily special til 7pm. Happy Hour Buffet 5-7pm.

WOODY'S - Open Noon. Happy Hour 3-7pm. Martini Party - Well Martinis \$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. Kennel open daily at 5pm.

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 8:30-close.

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. Daily special til 7pm. Patio Beer Bust 3-7pm.

WOODY'S - Open Noon. Happy Hour 3-7pm. Pool Touney 2pm. Patio Bar & Volleyball Court open 5:30 - close. Steak & fish Fry 5-9pm. Flat Mignon or Swordfish with trimmings \$8 roll \$5.00 plus Jazz on the patio 6-9 with Susan Aramie and Tracy York.

YARD DOG - Open daily 6am. Beer Bust 3-7pm. 75¢ glass, \$2.25 pitcher. 50¢ off any Rum 1pm to 7pm. Kennel open 5pm.

NOTICES

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 at 688-5541

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

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

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

T-SQUARES Lesbian and Gay square dance club meets every Tuesday from 8:30-9:00 p.m. at Cornerstone Fellowship Social Hall, 2902 N. Geronimo (near 1st Ave. and Laguna). Open to All. Call Liz at 325-9488 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.

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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 781-9892.

Join the **LESBIAN & GAY PUBLIC AWARENESS PROJECT**. In Tucson write Awareness Project, 3681 N. Campbell Ave. #385, Tucson, AZ 85718.

AA Meeting with HIV/AIDS focus, Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m., MCC Church, 3299 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 680-8585 for information and a newsletter. Check the Non-Bar Calendar in the Observer.

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 828-7223.

THE MEN'S MASSAGE GROUP meets the 3rd Sunday of each month. It is a good way to meet other men of all ages, safely, and with the art of nurturing touch. There is a fee. You must sign up in advance to participate. Call Marc at 881-4582 for more information or sign up.

COMMUNITY BUSINESS ASSOCIATION (CBA), Tucson's Gay and Lesbian business networking group holds regular meetings the third Thursday of every month. Call 815-8438 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. 694-7003.

TUCSON GREATER SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION. Interested? Call Kelly Quinn, (520)742-7895 or go to our web site <http://www.tgsasoftball.org>

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.

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

SOUTHERN ARIZONA AIDS FOUNDATION (SAAF), 375 S. EUCLID. Office Hours 9am to 5pm, Monday through Friday. Direct services and emotional support for persons with and affected by HIV. Anonymous HIV testing and support groups available. Prevention education programs. 628-SAAF (7223). World wide web: <http://www.sAAF.org>. VOLUNTEERS WELCOME.

LESBIAN SUPPORT GROUP. Involving discussion, support and activities. Designed to support each other. Meets 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, 862-7723

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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 575-8600 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.

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, 624-1778.

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 528-9344, leave name and phone number.

TUCSON GAY INFORMATION AND REFERRAL For information on human service organizations, health and mental health services, financial and government assistance, emergency services such as food and shelter, education, etc. Call Information and Referral 881-1784 - 8 am - 5 pm Mon. - Fri.

AIDS HOTLINE - 328-AIDS. Hours M-F, 9:00 am to 10:00 pm. Information, counseling, HIV-related services, Tucson.

REVELLE GAY MEN'S CHORUS rehearses Tuesdays 7-10pm at MCC Church, 3289 N. Mountain. Have any history experience singing? Join us! Call 817-3100 for more info.

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.tgnarizona.org> - e-mail address: algodnum@uawest.net

SENIORRAP, a discussion group for older LGBTs, meets from 7 to 9 pm on the last Sunday of every month at Wingspan, 300 E. 6th St.

LESBIAN/GAY/BI-SEXUAL OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS. Saturdays 1 to 2pm new location Wingspan, 300 E. 6th St. Contacts 325-8676 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 791-7676.

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) 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 Jennifer at 792-4807, Ext.398

Azdykes is a new email list for Lesbians living in Arizona. For information mail tyan@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 888-8010 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 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. SAGAE-mail@go.com <http://members.sol.com/sagae-mail>

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.

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 745-8877 in Tucson for more information. Strictly confidential.

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

SUPPORT GROUP: Gays, Lesbians and Bisexuals meet weekly for open discussions in a loving, supportive atmosphere. Meetings Thursdays from 7:30 to 9:30 pm at St. Francis in the Foothills Church, Swan and River Road, Room 43. For more information call the church at 299-9083 and ask for a contact person.

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

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

AAPSP - ARIZONA ASSOCIATION OF PUBLIC SAFETY PROFESSIONALS - a confidential organization committed to providing support and networking for all Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual public safety professionals in Arizona. Membership open to Law Enforcement Officers, Firefighters, Probation, Parole and Corrections Officers and civilians working within these agencies. Website: AAPSP.org or e-mail: AAPSP@aol.com or call Dave (520)745-9059 (Tucson) or Kim (602)534-8218 (Phoenix)

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

TUCSON CATHOLIC GAY & LESBIAN FAMILY MINISTRY. Currently meeting the 4th Monday of every month at SS Peter & Paul Church, Madonna Hall 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Fr. Fiedler in attendance every meeting and willing to speak one on one. Reaching out to Parents and Families. For more info call Doc or Barbara 293-8824.

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

LUTHERANS CONCERNED - Tucson chapter for Gay/Lesbian Lutherans meets 4th Sunday, 6:30 p.m. each month at Santa Cruz Lutheran Church, 8809 S. Cardinal Ave. For information visit www.lctucson.org write: LG, 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)

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

SOURCES UNLIMITED, a Lesbian & Gay referral service. Business and individual listings are free of charge. All information available to anyone just simply by asking. 322-5855. Leave message.

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

ATTENTION ALL NUDDISTS - 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: Tucacon Tanners, P.O. Box 84-G, Cortaro, AZ 85632.

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