

Helms 'Ashamed' Of Role In AIDS Fight

WASHINGTON, DC - In spite of — or perhaps, because of — his long-standing and frequently vehement opposition to increased funding for HIV prevention and AIDS treatment, Sen. Jesse Helms said he was ashamed he had not done more to fight the worldwide epidemic.

"I have been too lax too long in doing something really significant about AIDS," Helms told hundreds of Christian AIDS activists gathered for a conference in Washington. "I'm not going to lay it aside on my agenda for the remaining months I have" in office.

The statement is extraordinary given the fierce opposition and scorn with which the North Carolina Senator has treated requests for government assistance in fighting the epidemic over the course of his career.

The Human Rights Campaign's David Smith said Helms comments were "intriguing, coming from an individual who has done more to ensure that the disease has gone unchecked and done more harm to people with AIDS than any other person."

As recently as 1995, Helms tried to kill the reauthorization of the Ryan White Care Act, arguing against AIDS funding increases proposed by then President Clinton.

The government, he said, should spend less money on people with AIDS because they got sick as a result of "deliberate, disgusting, revolting conduct... We've got to have some common sense about a disease transmitted by people deliberately engaging in unnatural acts," Helms told *The New York Times*.

Helms made no mention of Gay people in his comments Wednesday, though he did say, "There is no substitute for the joy brought by strong and healthy marriages. We must not hesitate to share this truth" with people around the world, he said.

Helms was addressing the Prescription for Hope conference, organized by Samaritan's Purse, a world relief charity led by Billy Graham's son, Franklin Graham. The group calls AIDS a disease of "Biblical proportions" that requires a more unified response from the world's evangelical Christian community.

Janet Museveni, wife of Uganda President Yoweri Museveni, also spoke to the group and received praise from Helms for her anti-HIV campaign based on "biblical values and sexual purity." Citing First Lady Museveni's efforts, Helms said, "I'm ashamed I've done so little."

Not surprisingly, Helms ignored Uganda's far more successful efforts to combat the spread of HIV through its youth-targeted sex-education and condom distribution programs that have proven to be models for resource challenged countries across the developing world.

Uganda's aggressive prevention efforts have helped keep its infection rates among the lowest in Africa.

High Court Bars 10 Commandments Display

WASHINGTON, DC - The U.S. Supreme Court let stand an appellate ruling barring a governor from erecting a Ten Commandments monument—also, update from Alabama.

The decision not to take the case comes at a time when Alabama Supreme Court Chief Justice Roy Moore is facing a federal lawsuit challenging his own Ten Commandments monument, a two-ton monolith which he placed last summer in the rotunda of the state supreme court house. Moore and his religious views have been under new attack since February 15, when he issued a 35-page condemnation of homosexuality in the case of a lesbian seeking child custody, reported the *Gay.com/PlanetOut.com* network.

According to the Birmingham News and other local press reports, Moore may have his eye on higher office, specifically the governor's chair. A December article in *Church and State* says Moore capitalized on a 1997 Ten Commandments incident to win election to the state supreme court in November, 2000. Once elected, the article says Moore waited until the evening of July 31 to install his Ten Commandments monument and neglected to consult his colleagues on the bench. As chief justice, Moore told the *L.A. Times* last year, "I am the highest legal authority in the state. And I wanted it there."

Backed by the Christian right, Moore has appeared as a lecturer and panelist in several extremely conservative venues, including a short-wave radio program hosted by Rev. Pete Peters, a man described by the Anti-Defamation League as an openly anti-Semitic, anti-Gay white supremacist.

The American Civil Liberties Union and Americans United for the Separation of Church and State filed a federal suit against Moore and his display last October 30. But the publicity might rebound to his advantage in a state where a

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AIDS Vaccine Shows Promise In Tests

SEATTLE, WA - The first preliminary human testing of a highly anticipated new kind of AIDS vaccine offers tantalizing hints it may ultimately protect against the killer virus.

The study of Merck & Co.'s experimental vaccine is perhaps the most closely watched experiment in all of AIDS research. The approach seems highly effective in monkeys, and many believe it or something similar is the best bet for a shot that could slow the worldwide epidemic, which has already killed 20 million people and infected 40 million more, the Associated Press reported.

Even though the vaccine is only part-way through first-stage safety testing, Merck's Emilio Emini was asked to update researchers in an address at the 9th Annual Retrovirus Conference.

His bottom line: At this stage, the vaccine appears to trigger the same immune system response in people that it does in newly immunized monkeys, though the volunteers have not been put to the crucial challenge of exposure to HIV.

"We are encouraged," said Emini, head of Merck's AIDS vaccine program. "Obviously, the big question is how effective this will be in preventing or mitigating infection. That will have to wait until we get into long-term studies."

If all goes perfectly, he said, it will be at least five years and probably longer before the vaccine reaches general use.

However, even if the vaccine works, many experts doubt it will stop infection cold the way most vaccines do. Instead, the hope is to fortify the body's immune defenses to hold the virus in check and prevent disease for many years, perhaps even a lifetime.

The difficulty of developing a vaccine has been one of the biggest frustrations in AIDS research, and experts were enthusiastic about the Merck results.

"I would say full speed ahead for this particular research program. These are very encouraging results," said Dr. David Ho, scientific director of the Aaron Diamond AIDS Research Center in New York City.

Dr. Robert Schooley, infectious-disease chief at the University of Colorado, said the vaccine's safety and immune response are "what many of us hoped we'd be seeing when this trial started," though he cautioned that it is still "a long way from here to giving a vaccine that could protect people."

The Merck vaccine and several

similar ones nearing human testing use a strategy called prime-boost. It involves first injecting one or more HIV genes, which are taken up by muscle cells and used as blueprints to make viral proteins. This is followed by an immunity booster, usually a harmless virus hollowed out to carry in more copies of the HIV genes.

In monkey experiments, this strategy fails to ward off infection but does keep the animals from dying from AIDS when they are exposed to the virus.

The new vaccines are designed to launch a quick counterattack by blood cells called killer cells against a new HIV infection. This way, HIV will eventually plateau at much lower levels in the bloodstream than typically occur when people catch the virus.

The Merck researchers plan to try the vaccine on about 600 volunteers in the first-stage tests. About 150 have been enrolled so far at 60 sites around the country. The goal is to make sure it is safe and to see if it triggers an immune response that mirrors that in monkeys.

So far, the researchers have tested the prime and the boost stages separately. About 100 people were given injections of the prime, an HIV gene called gag. As expected, the response was modest. About one-third of them showed an immune reaction, measured by their blood cells' production of the hormone interferon.

"You don't necessarily have to see the response for priming to occur," Emini said. "The fact we do see a response at all suggests a fair amount is going on under the radar."

The team is testing escalating doses of the boost stage, which consists of a disabled cold virus crafted to hold another copy of HIV's gag gene. Since virtually everyone has been exposed to ordinary varieties of this microbe, known as an adenovirus, the scientists worry the vaccine will be destroyed immediately by the immune system.

However, the new data suggest that when large doses are given, at least some of the vaccine survives to produce an immune reaction that could — if all works as planned — prepare the body to fight off AIDS.

Eventually the vaccine will be tested in people who are at high risk of catching HIV.

Many experts believe the approach pursued by Merck and several other teams has a better chance of success than do two

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GLBT Commission Forum, March 7

TUCSON - Employment Discrimination? Hate Crimes? Domestic Partnership? What are the issues that affect the GLBT populace that you would like to see addressed in Tucson?

The City of Tucson GLBT Commission wants to hear from you, and is hosting a forum, Thursday, March 7, 7:00 p.m., at 300 East Sixth Street, to get input on issues of concern and direction from Tucson's GLBT populace.

Bring your ideas, vision and help make Tucson a better and safer place. For more information, call (520) 624-1779.

Tucson AHRF Event March 19

TUCSON - The Arizona Human Rights Fund (AHRF), the statewide GLBT rights group will be holding their fourth annual membership gathering at the Botanical Gardens, 2150 North Alvernon Way Tuesday, March 19, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

A special award will be presented by AHRF, to Arizona's Attorney General, Janet Napolitano for her continuing efforts in supporting equality for all people.

For more information about AHRF or the event, call (520) 990-5191 or (602) 650-0900.

Mel White To Visit Tucson

PHOENIX - Mel White, author of *Stranger at the Gate* and co-founder of "Soulforce," will be in Phoenix on March 10th and 11th.

White will be delivering the message at Asbury United Methodist Church (15th Avenue and Indian School in Phoenix) on Sunday Morning, March 10th at both the 9:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. services. Mel will also be speaking to the general public at 4:00 p.m. at Shadow Rock Congregational UCC Church (12861 N 8th Avenue, Phoenix).

On Monday, March 11th, White will address a noon clergy luncheon at Scottsdale Congregational UCC Church, (4425 N Granite Reef, Scottsdale).

For more information, call (602) 957-4340.

AIDS Candlelight Memorial Update

TUCSON - Tucson will be participating in the International AIDS Candlelight Memorial on Sunday, May 19. Wingspan, the Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation (SAAF) and the Tucson Interfaith HIV/AIDS Network (TIHAN) will be working in collaboration to restructure and carry out the event this year.

Organizers hope to create a meaningful and memorable tribute to loved ones and family members we have lost to AIDS while redoubling our commitment to finding a cure.

A planning committee is being formed that will design and implement the event in Tucson. While the event will be coordinated by staff members from all three agencies, the planning and implementation will be driven by the energy of volunteers and community members. If you would like to be involved in the planning, please come to the first planning committee meeting that will be held on Tuesday, February 26, 5:30 p.m. at Wingspan, 300 E. 6th St. (one block west of 4th Ave., across the street from Muse).

Forum On LGBT Homeless Youth

TUCSON - A forum on LGBT homeless youth will be held 7:00 p.m., Thursday, February 28, at Wingspan, 300 E. Sixth Street.

The needs of homeless youth who are Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, or Transgender are often overlooked. National population estimates of LGBT homeless youth vary but generally range from 20-40% of homeless youth, making them over-represented among this population. Sadly, LGBT homeless youth are usually not homeless by choice, but rather are no longer welcome within their homes. In addition to obstacles faced by all homeless youth, LGBT youth face additional problems, including higher rates of suicide, survival sex, social isolation, violence and harassment at home and at school, inability to talk with service providers about sexual orientation, and fear of shelters.

The forum will feature a panel discussion of a newly-released report entitled *Out On Their Own: A Preliminary Assessment of Needs and Services for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgendered Homeless Youth*.

TLGA Announces Logo Contest

TUCSON - The Tucson Lesbian/Gay Alliance announced their annual logo contest for OUToberFEST '02, with the theme, "PRIDE: It's Not Just A Gay Thing."

According to organizers, entries must be received no later than April 12th and must include OUToberFEST '02 and "PRIDE: It's Not Just A Gay Thing" in the proposed artwork.

Entrants may use as many colors as he or she wishes. Please keep in mind that the winning logo will be used in a variety of ways including b/w advertising, color advertising, posters, programs, etc. All entries becomes the property of the Tucson Lesbian & Gay Alliance. The winning entrant will receive a check for \$100.00! So put on your creative hats and develop stunning designs for Tucson's OUToberFEST '02.

Mail entries to: Tucson Lesbian & Gay Alliance, P.O. Box 40301, Tucson, AZ 85717-0301.

An Evening Of Musical Bliss, March 22

PHOENIX - An "Evening of Musical Bliss" will take place Friday, March 22, 7:30 p.m., at the Orpheum Theatre.

Headlining this fund raiser, for which a portion of the proceeds will go to Valley of the Sun Community Services Youth Services, are: will be AZ Rhythm Connection, Devoneer, Dez, Everybody in the House, Grand Canyon Men's Chorale, Psychostick, Sha-Pink, Sistah Blue, Superordinary, Us3Music, noncents. A silent auction will take place during the evening.

Tickets are \$15 General Admission; \$30 VIP Admission (VIP tickets include a reception after the show), and are available at Orpheum Box Office, (602) 262-7272, or at www.tickets.com, (800) 905-3315.

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Olympics Were Gold For Salt Lake's Gays & Lesbians

SALT LAKE CITY, UT - It's temporary tattoo night at Club Blue, a Gay bar not far from the hub of Salt Lake's Olympic mayhem. Just before midnight, half the men are stripped to the waist to show off the dolphins and other creatures leaping across their torsos.

Owner Mike Webb looks around. "Half of the guys in here have been on their Mormon mission," said the 43-year-old Webb, a postal worker by day who himself was raised in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, reported the San Francisco Chronicle.

He shakes his head. "I'm going to be sad when the Olympics are over."

And it's not just because business has doubled. A lot of folks in Salt Lake's small but mighty Gay and Lesbian community also are mourning the Games' departure. Not only have the Olympics brought a welcome infusion of cosmopolitanism into their city, but many think the Games have helped to legitimize the community in the eyes of conservative Utahans -- and given many local Gays hope for the future.

The Salt Lake Organizing Committee included more involvement from the Gay community than any other in Olympic history, asking two openly Gay folks to serve on the group leading volunteer recruiting and training. It also asked the Gay and Lesbian Community Center for help in housing Gay visitors and athletes. The moves earned praise from the Human Rights Campaign, the nation's largest Gay lobbying group.

On a personal level, the Games have brought a lot of new faces into town. "Not me, mind you," said the monogamous Webb, his eyes lighting up, "but I know that some people are having a ball."

Salt Lake isn't the Gay desert many would think. As one of the few cities between Denver and the West Coast, it draws young homosexuals who have escaped small conservative towns from Wyoming to New Mexico.

In Salt Lake, they find a comparative oasis, a place where an open Lesbian was just re-elected to her second term in the state legislature. There are several Gay bars and clubs, an active political scene and even a 3-year-old Salt Lake Mr. Leather contest.

There's a Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays billboard up near a major freeway through town, and a local group has been drawing as many as 500 people to its recent Lesbian-themed dances and poetry readings.

Last year's pride parade drew 25,000. The grand marshal: Salt Lake Mayor Rocky Anderson, who campaigned in the city's bars and clubs. Census figures show that the number of Utah households with same-sex partners has swelled to more than 3,300 -- a 740 percent increase over 1990.

"Salt Lake would be the perfect place to live, except for the Mormon Church. They're the elephant in the room," said 23-year-old Shane Stroud, who moved to

Salt Lake City from the small Utah town of Midway five years ago.

The church has taken a low profile in these Games, but it remains the dominant cultural force in Utah. While the LDS might not affect the daily routines of many Utah homosexuals, Gay political leaders said its conservative influence makes for an unfriendly climate.

Utah Gay couples can't adopt children. Gays and Lesbians aren't protected by statutes stiffening penalties for hate crimes, and -- except for Salt Lake city and county employees -- are given little protection by anti-discrimination laws.

"I like to say that Utah is the biggest closet I've ever lived in," said Paula Wolfe, executive director of the Gay and Lesbian Community Center of Utah and someone who has resided in Washington, D.C., Alaska, New Mexico, Chicago and Seattle. She said many of the young people who stop by the organization's youth center are struggling to reconcile their faith and their feelings.

"There's a lot of hiding here," Wolfe said. "People worry about losing their jobs, their families, everything."

Yet many of those fears have been put on hold while residents banded together to host the Olympics. For many straight Utahans, it may have been the first time they've interacted with an openly Gay person, said Michael Mitchell, executive director of Unity Utah, a Gay political organization.

"Being invited to help with the (Olympic) organization was huge for the (Gay) community," Mitchell said. "I think it's really broken down some barriers."

Still, he worries about what might happen when the spotlight dims on Utah. So does Webb, owner of what may be Salt Lake's edgiest Gay bar.

A year ago, Salt Lake police cited him for having photos of naked men displayed in Club Blue. The snapshots of buff men with their genitalia covered crawl across video monitors in his bar.

To comply with local laws, Webb said he blocked out the genitals in each of 800 photos, "but I guess I missed one of the penises and a vice cop was in here that night and confiscated the tape."

To keep out of trouble, Webb will tell all contestants in next month's Salt Lake Mr. Leather contest that they can't simulate anything that can't be shown in a G-rated movie.

No, this is not the Castro. But Salt Lake's Gay community has other charms.

Webb has no intention of moving to someplace more liberal. Neither does community leader Wolfe, or Stroud. They all find comfort in Salt Lake. It's close to the mountains, the environment is gorgeous, the city manageably small and affordable. Stroud splits a Victorian flat for \$300 a month, utilities included.

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Lesbian Health Hormone Therapy And Breast Cancer Risk

NEW YORK, NY (GFN) - With the publication of the study confirming that long-term use of hormone replacement therapy after menopause may increase breast cancer risk, the often overlooked concerns of Lesbian health risks are underscored once again.

risk for breast, cervical and ovarian cancers.

Lesbians are affected more directly by women's lower earning power and often do not have the benefit of a domestic partner's health insurance coverage.

The five-year study, by the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center in Seattle, confirmed that women who had taken estrogen alone (or estrogen plus progestin) for at least five of the preceding six years were about 70 percent more likely to develop breast cancer than women who did not take hormone replacement therapy.

The Hutchinson study did not take into account other breast cancer risk factors, such as alcohol use, exercise, and breast-feeding, according to Eugenia Calle, the American Cancer Society's director of analytic epidemiology.

According to the The Mautner Project for Lesbians with Cancer, a non-profit that offers community outreach, education and resources, Lesbians have been consistently at greater risk for cancer than the general female population. The reasons can be traced to both sociological and biological factors.

Several excellent organizations are on the forefront of Lesbian health issues and can be counted on for support, education and advocacy.

The Mautner Project for Lesbians with Cancer. Dedicated to Lesbians with cancer, their partners and caregivers, this non-profit offers direct services to Lesbians with cancer, advocates for Lesbian health issues in national and local arenas, and offers ongoing educational programs to the Lesbian community.

Lesbians are less likely to visit a doctor for routine gynecological services such as birth control and prenatal care. Therefore, Lesbians are less likely to have cancers detected at earlier, more tangible, stages.

The Lesbian Health Fund. The LHF supports a wide range of medical research in areas such as: rates and risk factors for cancers, infections, and diseases among Lesbians; access to the health care system; and mental health concerns of Lesbians and their families. The organization offers grants for research that address the health concerns of Lesbian patients.

Lesbians are less likely to seek health care because of the discomfort of coming out to health care providers.

Smoking is statistically higher in Lesbians than in non-Gay women and smoking is directly related to lung cancer, the number one cause of death among women.

The Gay and Lesbian Medical Association educates healthcare professionals about the unique healthcare needs of Lesbians and Gay men; works to develop equitable healthcare policy; promotes relevant research in health; and supports its members who are challenged by discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation.

Lesbians often don't have children, or put off childbearing until their 30s. Having children at a later age, or not having children at all, puts women at a higher

Gay Teen Wants Outside Review Of His Beating claim

DENVER, CO - A special prosecutor may soon be investigating the case of a Rifle teen-ager who says he was beaten because he is Gay.

found. One of the boys Skyock accuses of beating him said Skyock was "acting stupid," so he threw a cigarette lighter at him, tried to fight him and then chased him when he ran.

An attorney for Kyle Skyock, 17, made the request of a Garfield County District Court because no charges have been filed. Mac Myers, district attorney for the Ninth Judicial District, said he won't fight it, the Rocky Mountain News reported.

The boy "bragged about how cool it was and referred to Kyle as a 'faggot,'" Lee's pleading reads.

"All the evidence indicates that Kyle was savagely beaten, left to die, and it was because he's Gay," said Skyock's lawyer, Calvin Lee. "It will serve the public interest to have an independent review of the facts and circumstances."

The 5-foot-4 Skyock, 16 at the time, was found along U.S. 6 on Feb. 11, 2001, after a night of heavy drinking with four other youths. Skyock had a fractured skull, bruising, three broken ribs and a burnlike sore on his left shoulder. His blood-alcohol level was twice the legal limit for driving.

Myers has ruled that there's insufficient evidence to pursue charges. But he said he doesn't object to a special prosecutor because of the controversy generated by the case.

The doctor who treated him at the Rifle hospital believed he was assaulted, but a Grand Junction forensic pathologist, Dr. Rob Kurtzman, ruled that Skyock's injuries were the result of a fall on rocks.

"I have absolutely no problem with having an independent prosecutor review our investigative file and my conclusions," Myers said.

Skyock's case is also pending in U.S. District Court, where a coalition of Gay and Lesbian groups have filed a civil rights claim.

Lee also said that a new witness has come forward.

"We're hoping that this motion results in a decision to go forward with prosecution of Kyle's assailants," Micheal Brewer, director of the Colorado Legal Initiatives Project, said of the special prosecutor. "Regardless of the outcome, we will move ahead with the federal lawsuit."

A Rifle girl says she was at a bowling alley two nights after Skyock was

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'The Ghost Town At 1700 West Washington'

There are no free luncheons being served on the mall, no nitwit media outside commenting, and the throngs of lobbyists aren't walking in all directions, yammering on their cell phones to their handlers, because "quiet" has descended upon 1700 West Washington, the address of the Arizona Legislature thanks to the budget impasse and the leadership in both chambers, closing down committees and any other legislative business until the books get balanced since the "bean-counters" couldn't come close to getting the final figure on the state's budget deficit correct, off by a couple hundred million or so (with some help, thanks to the alt fuels fiasco).

One plan has been approved by the Republican-controlled House, which would cut everything and not give the overworked and long-suffering state workers the raise they had been promised. Arizona's state Senate aren't buying it, and have deadlocked about resolving the budget problem resulting in Arizona's new tourist attraction, "the Ghost Town at 1700 West Washington."

So what does this mean for the Arizona Domestic Partner bills, the Arizona Employment Non Discrimination Act and HB 2663, which would expand Arizona's Hate Crimes statute to cover misdemeanors? Nothing for the time being but despite that, politics continues as usual to the surprise of no one.

An item that is moving ahead, to the side or to the courts is the redistricting of Arizona's political boundaries, federal and legislative, thanks to the state's Independent Redistricting Commission. Arizona will now have eight congressional districts with state Legislative Districts remaining at 30, but there are a couple of changes for residents of Pima County, thanks the influx of people moving to Maricopa County, Pima will lose a legislative district, with two of the Pima-area districts going into other counties such as Cochise and Yuma, plus adding to that, the numbers of the districts will be changing from Legislative District 9 through 14 to 25 through 30. ...

Since this is an even-numbered year, a lot of the higher-profile political offices are up for consideration by the few registered Arizonans who will flock to the polls in September and November. So here's a rundown of some of the announced candidates you may see on your ballot come the primary or general election (in Pima County):

U.S. House of Representatives (CD-7): Democrats - Former Pima County Supervisor Raul Grijalva, State Senator Elaine Richardson, Jaime Gutierrez, Marcus Romo, Mark Fleisher. Republicans - a token candidate who will lose big in the general election.

U.S. House of Representatives (CD-8): Democrats - Mary Judge Ryan. Republicans - Congressman Jim Kolbe.

Governor: Democrats - Attorney General Janet Napolitano, former state Senator Alfredo Gutierrez, Mark Osterloh, Jesus Romo. Republicans - Former Congressman and major homophobe, Matt Salmon, Arizona Senate President, Randall Gnant, Arizona Treasurer, Carol Springer, and Arizona Secretary of State, Betsy Bayless.

Secretary of State: Democrats - State Senator Chris Cumiskey. Republicans - Former Maricopa County Supervisor and homophobe extraordinaire, Jan Brewer, Sharon Collins.

Arizona Legislature: District 27 - State Representative Carmine Cardimone (D-Tucson) will be running for the state Senate. **District 28 -** State Representative Gabrielle Giffords (D-Tucson) will be seeking the state Senate seat from Pima County's new legislative district. **Openly Gay state Representative Ed Poelstra (R-Tucson)** will be seeking another term in the Arizona House.

Arizona Corporation Commission: Former Democratic Arizona State Senator and Congressional candidate, George Cunningham, announced his intentions to seek a seat in this year's election.

Arizona Treasurer: Republicans - The homophobic state Senator from Mesa, David Petersen. **Democrats -** State Senator Ruth Solomon from Tucson, the current chair of the Senate Appropriations Committee. Senator Solomon has been a strong supporter of issues of concern to Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender (GLBT) Arizonans and this is one campaign we as registered voters need to help out with, by volunteering, giving a \$5 contribution since she is running as a "Clean Election" candidate, and most importantly, go to the polls, and getting your friends, loved ones and relatives to the polls and casting a vote for Ruth Solomon. For more information, call (520) 326-3716 or (602) 298-4200. ...

On Tuesday, March 19, 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., the Arizona Human Rights Fund (AHRF), the statewide GLBT rights group will be holding their fourth annual membership gathering at the Botanical Gardens, 2150 North Alvernon Way in Tucson. A special award will be presented by AHRF, to Arizona's Attorney General, Janet Napolitano for her continuing efforts in supporting equality for all people. For more information about AHRF or the event, call (520) 990-5191 or (602) 650-0900. ...

Pima County's Board of Supervisors, at their weekly meeting, Tuesday, February 26, selected Richard Elias, Pima County's senior housing project coordinator to succeed Raul Grijalva, who stepped down to run for the U.S. House of Representatives, District 7, as the new Supervisor for District 5. Elias will serve and must run in the primary and general elections to serve the remaining two years of the term, something he stated he intends on doing but that's not the whole story.

On Monday, February 25, both daily rags, the Arizona Daily Star and the Tucson Citizen had stories, written by Joe Salkowski and Garry Duffy respectively, with headlines trumpeting the fact only two of the Supervisors would attend a candidate's forum held by the League of Women Voter's. Both Salkowski, Duffy and their incompetent editors should have known better, since if another supervisor, either Sharon Bronson or Dan Eckstrom had shown up, it would have violated Arizona's "Open Meeting's" law, something Eckstrom's office had asked about and wasn't mentioned in either piece but are we not surprised, since the mainstream press practices "smiles and pretty pictures over the facts."

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Time For A Change: Apartments To Owning A House

NEW YORK, NY (GFN) - As Lesbian and Gay apartment dwellers pull their taxes together for the yearly payout to Uncle Sam, we can't help but be reminded of how much we shell out each year in rent - and how little we get back for it.

Particularly for renters in the larger metropolitan areas like San Francisco and New York, where rental payments amount to a monthly dose of sticker shock, getting a renters tax credit becomes a yearly joke without a punch line. But even in less-pricey areas, you can't help wondering if you'd be better off owning.

Of course, owning a home is the Gay American dream. Homeownership can provide that all-important tax deduction and enable you to build equity that can dramatically improve your financial situation in the long run. For many LGBT homeowners, finally getting creative control over your living space (who knew how many shades of aubergine there were?) can be one of the most satisfying results of owning your own living space.

The decision to buy, however, cannot be made lightly. Homeownership is not right for everyone in every situation. For some people, the greater flexibility and lesser financial responsibility renting offers remains the best option.

Determining whether or not now is the right time to take the plunge can be whittled down to three major areas. These areas may all seem self-evident, but taken in total they make a good barometer of your readiness.

Of course you need the down payment, but do you have enough cash saved up for closing costs and moving expenses? The down payment can range from 3 percent to 20 percent of the cost of the home (lower down payments will require you to pay private mortgage insurance each month until your equity reaches 20 percent).

Some of the closing costs you should be prepared to pay include lender fees (points), settlement costs and fees for a variety of professional services, such as appraisals and inspections. Your realtor or lender can give you an estimate of how much these fees will be.

How is your credit history? To get

approved for a mortgage loan, you'll need a good credit history. This may be the most crucial factor in determining whether you get the loan you want. Good credit means no bad marks on your credit history - you've paid your bills on time and haven't had recent credit problems.

A foreclosure on a previous mortgage, for instance, will probably prevent you from getting a new mortgage for at least three years. And if you've ever declared bankruptcy, you'll also have to wait a number of years - and reestablish a sterling credit rating - before you try to get a mortgage.

People with less-than-perfect credit can often still obtain a mortgage, but they'll just have to pay more for it in higher interest rates and fees.

If you're trying for a "no doc" loan, or as they're sometimes called, an NIV loan (that's financing with "no income verification" for people who don't want to show income documentation to the lender), your credit will have to be stellar.

"The less you show, the better your credit rating needs to be," says David Balshaw, vice president of marketing at Green-Point Mortgage. "With very good credit, you should be able to find loan programs that require very little in terms of documentation."

Borrowers with credit scores of 700 or better (called a "fico" score) need almost nothing else to get a loan with a "no doc," says Balshaw.

Obtaining a copy of your credit report now will tell you exactly where you stand and give you time to improve things.

How stable is the job front? One factor lenders consider vital is a demonstration of stable income that will cover the cost of the new mortgage and your current debts. Unless you're going with a "no doc" loan, after receiving your mortgage application, you should anticipate that someone will call your company to confirm that you are employed.

What if you're self-employed? You'll have to provide tax returns showing income for the past three years.

Some candid self-evaluation in this area is useful. Do you expect to be consistently employed? Does it look like your job will keep you in the area for several years? In terms of resale and investment, experts seem to feel staying in a house/condo for at least four years is optimal. The question is, can you say the same for your job?

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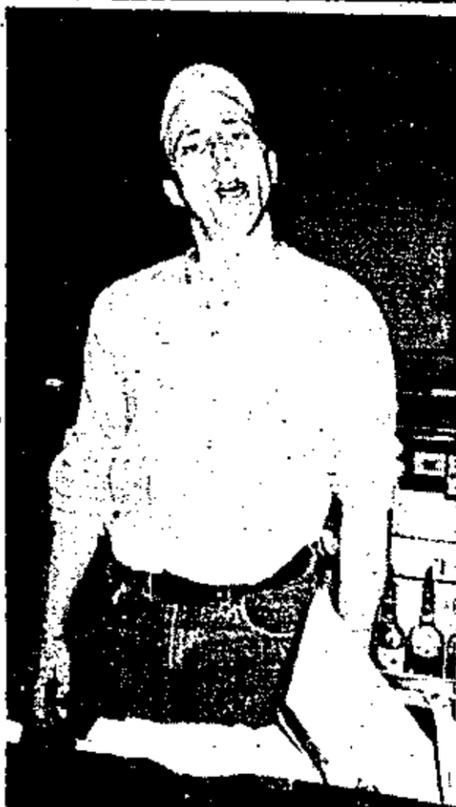
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BY C. LICHTENSTEIN

Most of us know the old saying, "March comes in like a lion and out like a lamb", but in fact, as we wend into March this week, I know it will come out loud and proud and not meek and mild. And isn't that what we are all trying to do?

ARIES

MARCH 21 - APRIL 20

Proud Rams are encouraged to explore their spiritual side and then put it into concrete action. Happy changes are possible for those Gay souls who open themselves up to the great unknown and allow themselves to go with the cosmic flow. You'll find that it's counterproductive to adopt "mainstream" standards, especially when they block affirmation and true happiness.

TAURUS

APRIL 21 - MAY 21

You are very tempted to control the group dynamic as we tip into March and why not? Gay Bulls may have to face the fact that they are no longer satisfied with just trotting along with the herd and blindly accepting the "group think". As long as you are going to pay for the music you might as well call the dance. Watch how many folks boogie along, especially after the 21st.

GEMINI

MAY 22 - JUNE 21

Queer Twins have ample opportunity to turn the professional tide in early March so pack your buoy and expect to get wet. The planets now command that you take a firm hand to make or break your corporate reputation. The Sun, Mercury and lovely Venus indicate that you'll succeed admirably. Be sure to institute partnership benefits when you are handed that corporate key.

CANCER

JUNE 22 - JULY 23

The Sun, Mercury and Venus are all very interested in your travel plans in early March. And if you don't have any, start planning before the 21st! Rainbow Crabs may want to consider kanoodling in a new social stew as feisty Mars advances into Taurus on the 2nd. My advice; Step Out of your shell and possibly impress somebody impressive. Hey lover, press this!

LEO

JULY 24 - AUGUST 23

Proud Lions have that je ne sais quois this March. Well, maybe je sais quois; it's all that feisty, too hot to handle energy from a plethora of planets revving your sex into overdrive. If you've got an itch friend, find a proud partner to scratch it. By the end of the month, the two of you may decide to escape to parts unknown and explore parts unknown. Lose the map.

VIRGO

AUGUST 24 - SEPTEMBER 23

This week, March tickles your itch to find your "significant other". Don't panic, dear, queer Virgo; your soulmate is Out there. Optimistic Sun, contemplative Mercury and lusty Venus conspire to put you in the right place in the right time. Make yourself available. Don't sit at home; as much as you would prefer, you simply cannot phone it in. Or can you?

LIBRA

SEPTEMBER 24 - OCTOBER 23

Early March brings an appreciation for exercise and a revitalized health regime. (Maybe it's because you've envisioned yourself in stuffed summer shorts.) Proud Libras have nothing to hide; the Sun, Mercury and Venus give you direction, energy and a mindset geared towards a toned debut. That is, until the 21st when you entertain thoughts of merging instead of purging.

SCORPIO

OCTOBER 24 - NOVEMBER 22

Gay Scorps know how to have fun in an intense sort of way. Now, with planets highlighting creativity and areas where you have fun, you can play the Gay muse to your heart's content. Play while you can; mid-March you'll be expected to roll up your sleeves and dive into muck at work. Accomplish what you can when you can with an optimistic Sun leading the charge.

SAGITTARIUS

NOVEMBER 23 - DECEMBER 22

Although you are not considered a homebody by nature, early March sees you happily playing the housefrau down to your pink fuzzy slippers. (Well, in every way except the dusting...) Proud Archers can take only so much of this cocooning though; by mid-month your interests turn to wine, wantonness and song. Why not go all Out and have a blast. Try not to sing off key...

CAPRICORN

DECEMBER 23 - JANUARY 20

Speak Out dear, queer Cap. The planets give you a megaphone to make your opinions widely known. After the 9th, you'll prefer share your explosive ideas with a few companions closer to home. Expect even greater impact then thanks to charming Venus. Who knows what can happen when you speak your mind? The idea is to make waves. Grab your surfboard!

AQUARIUS

JANUARY 21 - FEBRUARY 19

The secret to making money is to buy low and sell high but sometime Aquericans have trouble grasping the concept. Not in early March when the true path to a well-healed retirement seems assured thanks to a few hearty planets. But invest wisely and quickly; by mid-March you are more inclined to brag about your swag rather than greedily invest it.

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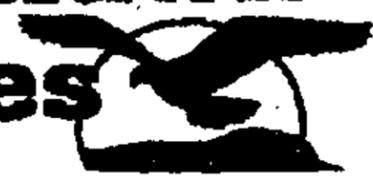
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March comes in watery with three planets hovering in watery Pisces and comes Out red hot with fiery Aries. Guppies are thrust into the limelight and can make a forceful first impression thanks to the impassioned Sun and charismatic Venus. Launch new projects early on and see them pay off later in the month. Today's bright idea can become tomorrow's "must haves".

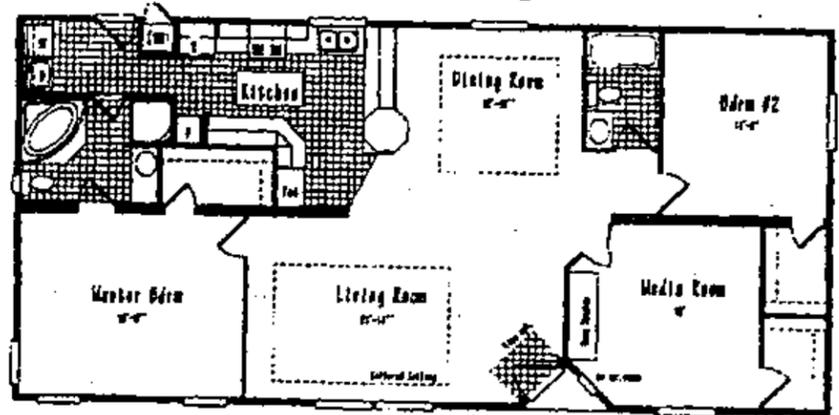
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NOTES FROM THE FOR-REAL SIDE

by Lee Thorn

Bigotry And Profiling

My dictionary is only nine years old and its definition of bigotry is out of date: (the views of) "a person obstinately or intolerantly devoted to his...own opinions and prejudices."

What most people mean by bigotry today is quite different. They mean the disposition to prejudice an individual because of that individual's membership in a particular group. Example: That person is English so he must have bad teeth.

The opposite of bigotry, a state of mind so new that we don't yet have a word for it, would be a disposition not to prejudice an individual because of that individual's membership in a particular group. Example: I don't care if Igor is English. I don't care if 99.9 percent of English people have rotten teeth. I want to look in Igor's mouth and see for myself if his teeth are rotten.

Bigotry, the way we use the word today, has been a part of human nature for so long that it was considered inevitable until the invention of America. A part of tribal loyalty was to be bigoted against members of other tribes. A part of national loyalty was to be bigoted against members of other nations. Bigotry is as natural as breathing until you want to cobble a nation together out of diverse ethnicities. At that point bigotry becomes a problem.

The American solution to the problem has been to say that we're all Americans first and we all have equal rights before the law. That practical solution to a multi-ethnic society has evolved over the centuries into a challenging moral principle: individuals have a right to be judged on their own merits, independent of any and all groups that they belong to.

It's a challenging principle because the moral nature of it comes into direct conflict with the practical realities of doing everyday business. Take the Brit with perfect teeth. Let's say he wants to buy some dental insurance. The insurance company tells him that he has to pay five times as much as non-Brits because they have statistics to prove that it costs, on average, five times as much to care for British teeth. He says "Fie on averages! Looks at my teeth. They're perfect. Why should I be penalized for being British?"

Of course the insurance company answers, "If we had to look at every Brit's teeth to make sure we were being fair to individuals, the cost of those examinations would raise everybody's insurance rates." The choice comes down to being fair to individuals or being cost effective for everyone.

The irony of the evolution of attitude is delicious: To make America work we take the practical step of treating people of different ethnicities as equal individuals. Being treated as an individual instead of a member of a group eventually comes to be regarded as a moral right. And, finally, the moral right of being treated as an individual leads to the impractical consequence of not being cost effective.

And that brings us to the issue of profiling. Do we maintain a moral position by treating people as individuals, or do we increase our security by profiling? The proponents of profiling argue that it's "common sense," that it's "just practical," that it's "only temporary." If you set moral

considerations aside, you could say much the same for stealing: It's just common sense to take something if you can get away with it. It's practical to take something that you need more than it's needed by your victim. It's just temporary; you'll stop when you're a little better off.

Profiling works. That's why they do it. It may even be temporary with respect to some groups. The problem is that it's immoral. The choice is between morality and safety. We faced the same choice in World War II. We put Japanese-Americans in concentration camps. What the politically correct crowd of today declines to admit is that doing that immoral deed may have in fact made us safer. After all, one of those Japanese-Americans who were locked up might have been a traitor.

Morality tends to be absolute while safety is always relevant. Nobody's ever completely safe. People are frequently completely immoral. So here we sit in the home of the free and the brave, and the question is, "How safe do we have to be?"

[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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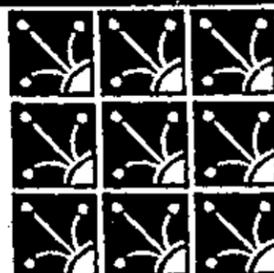
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COMMENTARY

**G/L Democrats, Republicans
Condemn Justice Roy Moore**

[The nation's leading Gay and Lesbian partisan political organizations united today to condemn the recent legal opinion by Alabama Chief Justice Roy Moore in a state custody case, where Moore called homosexuality a "detestable and an abominable sin...a crime in Alabama, a crime against nature, an inherent evil," and ordered three teenaged children to be kept in abusive custody of the biological father instead of the children's mother, solely because she is a Lesbian. The following is a joint statement by Chad Johnson, NSD Executive Director, and Rich Tafel, LCR Executive Director.]

"We join across partisan lines to strongly condemn the opinion rendered by Chief Justice Roy Moore on February 15, 2002 regarding the case of Sharon Huber. The legal effect of the opinion puts three children in considerable physical and emotional danger and places them in the home of an abusive father, purely because their mother is a Lesbian.

Furthermore, the opinion of Justice Moore is so virulent in its anti-Gay bigotry, so far outside the bounds of ethical canons, and so dismissive of the rights and welfare of the three children in question, that Moore has shown himself unfit to be the Chief Justice of the state's highest court and should resign.

We join with the majority of Americans who believe that the physical, mental and emotional well-being of children should always be paramount in matters of custody, adoption and anything involving family life."

Despite the fact that the father in the case admitted to physically abusing his children, Moore defended the father's suitability while writing that "the homosexual conduct of a parents creates a strong presumption of unfitness that alone is sufficient justification for denying that parent custody of his or her own children or prohibiting the adoption of the children of others."

Moore also cited Biblical passages and what he called "fixed principles" in proclaiming that homosexuality "violates both natural and revealed law." The Canons of Judicial Ethics insist that judges must issue opinions "impartially and diligently" and that "personal bias or prejudice concerning a party" disqualifies a judge from service.

Despite his extra-legal citations, Moore claims statutory support based on antiquated laws which criminalize "deviant sexual behavior." NSD and LCR call on the Alabama state legislature and Governor Don Siegelman to strongly support necessary reforms and clarification of such laws that allow judges to rule that homosexuality is a crime, and serve as an automatic barrier to consideration as a fit parent."

[The National Stonewall Democrats is the national organization of Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender Democrats. NSD is committed to improving the record of the Democratic Party and educating lgbt communities about political and partisan issues of importance. Log Cabin Republicans is the nation's largest Gay Republican organization, with state and local chapters nationwide.]

volunteers in America, Europe and Thailand. It is a more traditional vaccine, made from the outer wrapper of the AIDS virus. Results are expected later this year.

In related news, the National Institutes of Health abandoned plans for a large U.S. study of another two-step vaccine approach — Aventis Pasteur's genetically engineered canarypox followed by AIDS-Vax — but said it will still go ahead with a similar study of the combination in Thailand.

Olympics Were Gold

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San Francisco," Stroud said, "but not anymore. It's too much city for me."

Plus, they like the tightly knit Gay community. While Bay Area Gays live in a comparatively hassle-free environment, Utah homosexuals pull together in response to what Mitchell calls "the monolith." The elephant in the room.

In June, the 36-year-old Mitchell moved back home to Salt Lake from New York after being away for 14 years. He was tired of living in overpriced illegal sublets and fighting the rest of the urban chaos. While he dearly misses his New York friends, he plans to stay in Salt Lake.

"I'm thinking of buying a home here," Mitchell said. He's buoyed by the hope that Salt Lake can be a friendlier place for Gays — thanks, in part, to what the Olympics brought to town.

**High Court Bars 10
Commandments
Display**

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poll by the Mobile Register revealed that 78 percent of respondents supported mounting the Commandments in public.

Moore's actions on February 15, however, might backfire. In a 35-page concurring opinion to the court's 9-0 ruling against the Lesbian, Moore called homosexuality "inherently evil," and "a violation of nature's law." Anyone admitting to such activity, he wrote, was automatically unfit to parent.

As observers in the press have noted, the main opinion turned on a legal technicality, whether the appellate court that ruled for the Lesbian mother had the authority to consider new evidence in the case. Moore's opinion has no judicial weight, and there was no legal reason to draft it. The anti-Gay polemic was greeted with calls for Moore's removal from the bench by Gay rights leaders and others. In addition, Congressman Alvin Holmes of Montgomery is asking for an investigation by the Alabama Judicial Inquiry Commission.

AIDS Vaccine

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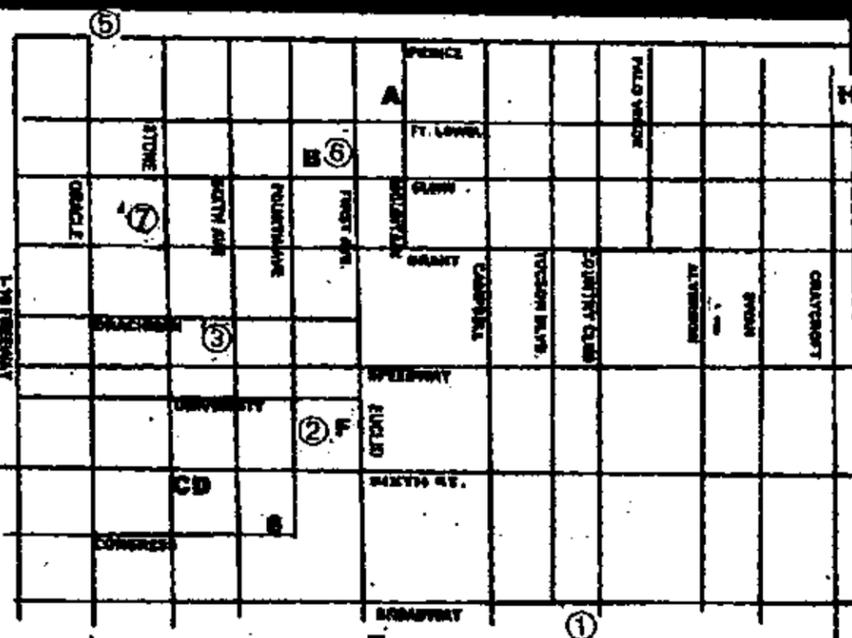
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Dear Dr. X:
What is "trail mix"?

Signed,
What The...

Dear What The:
Trail mix is a combination of drugs taken at the same time. Imagine you and your friends get together for a rave or party and you have 4 blue pills, your friend has 8 red pills, and another friend has some oval pills. You would divide them up equally and take them all at once, hoping for that completely fabulous high.

Can you see the problems this could cause? Most importantly you don't know what your taking and how these drugs react to each other. If you needed medical assistance there would be no way to tell what you had ingested. Furthermore you have no idea of side affects and the affect of alcohol on these drugs. So keep in mind that this type of "high" could be a real downer and make you very sick, or even worse kill you.

Dear Dr. X:
I'm Tired of liars. The last couple of guys I've had crushes on have been sweet at first and then all of a sudden I find they're hiding drug & alcohol problems, or have just been unfaithful cheating dogs. I'm getting to the point where I don't trust anyone. Should I give up trying to find a nice guy?

Signed,
Frustrated

Dear Frustrated:
Your probably not going to like what I have to say but here it goes. You seem to be looking to jump right into a relationship and are developing crushes for all the wrong reasons.

You need to take your time and learn a little bit about the person you have a "crush" on before deciding this person is right for you. Go on a few dates and talk about hobbies and family and you'll be amazed at the information you can get. Remember to use your common sense when it comes to love.

Dear Dr. X:
What is semen? Is it safe to swallow? Can you tell anything about a guy's health by his cum? I like cum but notice it can be very different from guy to guy. Sometimes it's runny or looks like tapioca. I love that part of a man but need to know if what I am putting into my body is safe or not.

Signed,
CumEater

Dear CumEater:
Semen or cum is a fluid produced by your prostate gland. It is mixed with sperm and other fluids such as fructose (sugar). The average amount a guy cums is about a half of teaspoon and you would have to ingest about 400 loads to equal the calorie content of a "death by chocolate" dessert. Pre-cum is clear and leaks from your penis before you shoot. How much a guy pre-cums depends on the guy and how sexually excited he is.

You must remember that semen is one of the four body fluids that transmit the HIV virus. Telling if a guy is healthy or sick from his cum is about as accurate as looking at someone and telling if they are positive or negative. Research says it is safe to swallow considering your stomach acids will kill any traces of HIV.

There have been a few cases of HIV infection from oral sex, but in almost every case the patient had some other oral problem ...gum disease, sores, etc. As for consistency or taste it varies from person to person. Dr X has heard drinking pineapple juice, eating asparagus or drinking beer will affect the taste of your semen, but who knows. I'm just gonna take a moment to say keep your self safe and remember these words "on me, not in me."

[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.]

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Non-Bar Calendar

Groups / Clubs / Organizations

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 27

Tucson Prime Timers Video Night - 7:00 p.m. A non pornographic movie with a Gay theme will be shown. Phone: 740-0620 - David Eyde

7:00 p.m. Bear Coffee at Coffee Etc., 2830 N. Campbell Ave. Coffee, food, conversation and Bears. Anyone is welcome. For more information call 520-780-5775 or on the web at www.botop.com

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 28

Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. Join Jerry and Les for Lunch Out at Ruby Tuesday at 1:00 p.m. For reservations and directions, please call Les at 660-9565.

8:00 p.m. Tantra Video hosted by Tantric Men's Group. Have more passion in your life and improve relationships. Call Marc at 881-4562 for info.

FRIDAY, MARCH 1

Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. Join John for Game Night. All kinds of board games and card games are available for playing-and you're encouraged to bring your own favorite game as well. For reservations and directions, please contact John at 782-4631.

SATURDAY, MARCH 2

#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 818-1816, or Jack at 881-5733.

#2. Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 8:00 p.m. Join us for our monthly Pollock and Social Gathering where we invite you to have dinner and get to know the nice guys of MSN. It's a nice, safe setting in which to meet new men and great old friends. This pollock is our 7th Anniversary and also our annual auction-so we're starting a little bit early to fit it all in! For directions, please call Jerry at 660-9565.

Tucson Prime Timers Food & Drinks - 5:00 P.M., Woody's, 710 N. Oracle Rd. N. of Prince Rd. Phone: 622-1835

SUNDAY, MARCH 3

Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 1:30 p.m. Lloyd hosts a Music Appreciation video about "The Art of the Piano." Many famed musicians make rare appearances in this look at the piano over time. For directions and reservations, please call Lloyd at 792-8537.

MONDAY, MARCH 4

Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 8:00 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 - 1:00 P.M., The Wildcat House, 1800 N. Stone Ave., South of Grant Rd. Phone: 622-1835

TUESDAY, MARCH 5

#1. 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 886-1536.

#2. Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. Carl hosts the Tucson Stockmen-an investment club spun off from MSN. If you'd like to know more, please call Carl at 331-4238.

#3. Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. Bridge Night will meet at Jim's house this month. If you're a beginner or an old pro, this is the place to meet for an evening of bridge for fun. For reservations and directions, please call Jim at 780-8735.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6

Tucson Prime Timers Video Night - 7:00 P.M. A non pornographic movie with a Gay theme will be shown. Phone: 740-0620 - David Eyde

Bears of the Old Pueblo, Every Wednesday night, 7 pm. Bear Coffee Night; Coffee Etc., 2830 N. Campbell. All welcome.

THURSDAY, MARCH 7

Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 1:00 p.m. Join Jerry and Les for a Lunch Out at Mimi's near the Tucson Mall. For reservation, please call 660-9565.

The City of Tucson's GLBT Commission will hold a forum today at 7:00 p.m. at Wingspan, 300 E. 6th Street (Phone: 624-1779). Employment Discrimination? Hate Crimes? Domestic Partnership? What are the issues that affect the GLBT community that you would like to see addressed in Tucson? The Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender Commission of the City of Tucson is seeking input from GLBT community members and our allies. Let us know what are the issues that you care about. Bring your ideas and your vision and help the GLBT Commission make Tucson a better and safer place for us all.

FRIDAY, MARCH 8

Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. Join Jerry and Les for the latest installment of the 2nd season of "Queer As Folk". For directions and reservations, please call Jerry or Les at 660-9565.

7:30pm. Bears of the Old Pueblo, General Meeting & Potluck. Sentinel Building, 310 N. Commerce Park Loop (off Bonita between Congress and St. Mary's). Tucson/Pima Co. Comm. Service/campus.

BAR CALENDAR

OF UPCOMING EVENTS

FRI-SAT-SUN, MARCH 1-2-3

JAKE'S - It's Grand Opening for Jake's. Food, fun, give-aways all weekend long. Country dancing Friday and House dance Saturday 9:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m..

SATURDAY, MARCH 2

YARD DOG SALOON - Tucson Knight Owls (TKO) Bee Bust on the patio from 3:00 to 7:00 p.m.

SUNDAY, MARCH 3

IBT's - 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. it's Dennis and Mike's Recovery Bar. \$1.50 Bloodys, Screws or Mimosas. New! 4:30 - 8:30 Tea Dance with DJ Chris on the inside. 4:30 p.m. Karaoke on the Patio with Billy Dee. 5:30 - 8:00 p.m. Benefit Bar-B-Que / Beer Bust for Reville Gay Men's Chorus. 9:00 p.m. 'Puttin' On The Lips' Lip Sync Contest. \$50 first place. Hosted by Lucinda Holiday. (To enter call Lucinda at 327-1576).

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6

IBT's - "Divalicious" Show hosted by Aja Simone and featuring Devina, Samantha White and Tiana Oberon.

SATURDAY, MARCH 9

JAKE'S - 8:00 P.M. a Benefit Show for TIHAN with Sapphire, Jasmine Bouvier, Diana Fitz, Miss Reyna, Misti Malone and guests.

FRIDAY, MARCH 15

IBT's - Annual 'Green Party'. Watch for details.

SATURDAY, MARCH 16

VENTURE-N - 3 to 7pm. Bears of the Old Pueblo Beer Bust. 1239 N. 6th Ave. 520-882-8224. Come have a brew & a bowl of chili. Tips benefit local charities.

SUNDAY, MARCH 17 - ST. PATRICK'S DAY

IBT's - St. Patrick's Day Party! More details later.

JAKE'S - Enjoy a traditional Irish meal here and see what else we have planned for you.

VENTURE-N - 5 to 7pm. Bears of the Old Pueblo Boss Burgers. 1239 N. 6th Ave. Come enjoy a hot burger with some hairy hunks! Tips benefit local charities.

FRI-SAT-SUN, MARCH 22-23-24

VENTURE-N - Hides of March weekend here. Get ready to show your hide!

SUNDAY, MARCH 31 - EASTER SUNDAY

IBT's - Easter Egg Hunt and Party! Watch for their ad.

FRI-SAT-SUN., MARCH 8-9-10

36th Annual Alliance Book Sale 2002. At the Unitarian Universalist Church of Tucson, in Goddard Hall at 4831 E. 22nd Street (Just East of Swan). The Alliance is a senior organization of the UU church. A large selection of paperback and hardback novels, non-fiction books of all kinds, reference, cookbooks, travel and biographies, languages, science, health, history, sociology, religion, philosophy, psychology, literature, mysteries, plus magazines, tapes, CDs, records and miscellaneous. Friday and Saturday 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Sunday 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

SATURDAY, MARCH 9

#1. Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 9:30 a.m. Join Curt for a moderate hike (3-5 miles). This first hike will get your new year off to the right start. For more information, please contact Jerry or Les at 660-9565.

#2. Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 10:00 a.m. Join Bill for MSN's annual Trek to Casa Grande for some shopping and dessert at his folks' home. For the meeting place, please call Bill at 546-7539.

#3. Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 6:00 p.m. Marv will host Pinochle & Pizza beginning with a chance to share some pizza and meet and greet the other players over pizza (\$5), followed by Pinochle at 7:00 p.m. For more information, please call Marv at 745-0304. Tucson Prime Timers Food & Drinks- 5:00 P.M., Woody's, 3710 N. Oracle Rd. N. of Prince Rd. Phone: 622-1835

SUNDAY, MARCH 10

Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 3:00-5:00 p.m. Mike and Ted host an afternoon of bowling at the Fiesta Bowl Lanes. The cost is \$6 per person. For directions and reservations, please call Ted or Mike at 544-2140.

Tucson Prime Timers Dinner - 4:00 P.M., Da Vinci Ristorante Italiana, 3535 E. Ft. Lowell Rd., West of Dodge. Phone: 622-1835

MONDAY, MARCH 11

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

TUESDAY, MARCH 12

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Daily Bar Calendar

JAKE'S - Open 11am daily. Well \$1.75.
VENTURE-N - Open 10am. Patio 5pm. Daily specials til 7pm.
WOODY'S - Open Noon. \$2 well or domestic beer til 4pm. Happy Hour 4-6pm. \$1.75 well or domestic. Volleyball games start 7pm. Underwear-foleh-leather role with Michael \$1 off your favorite drink. Chill dogs or bowls \$1.
YARD DOG - Open daily 8am. 50¢ off any Vodka until 7pm - Kennel open daily at 5pm.

Monday
AINT 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 - 10am-6pm \$1.50 Bloodye, Screws or Mimosas.. Benefit B-B-Q and Beer Bust for community organizations 8:30-9pm. Karaoke with Billy Dee on the patio 4:30-7:30. 8:30 shows or special events or HI energy dancing. (Call for details). All drink specials not available during special events.
JAKE'S - Open 11am daily. Well 1.75.
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 11am. \$1.50 Bloody Marys, screwdrivers, Mimosas; \$2 well or domestic beer 11-4. Happy Hour 4-9pm \$1.75 well or domestic beer. Patio Bar open 5-close. Pick-up Volleyball games 5-7. \$2.50 sirloin burger or chicken 5-9pm. Karaoke with Billy Dee 9pm.
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.

Tuesday
AINT NOBODY'S BIZ - Happy Hour Two-For-One 2-7. Football Madness \$1.75. 75¢ drafts 6 to close. No Cover.
IBT's - 9am-4pm. \$2.00 domestic beer and well. Happy Hour \$1.75 well and domestic beer 4-9pm. 9pm. "Aja Says" rita. \$1 off all drinks (except draft beer/fole) for those who do as Aja says. DJ Rayman plays house music 9pm to close. All drink specials not available during special events.
JAKE'S - Open 11am daily. Well \$1.75.
VENTURE-N - Open 10am. Patio 5pm. Daily specials til 7pm.
WOODY'S - Open Noon. \$2 well or domestic beer til 4pm. Happy Hour 4-9pm. \$1.75 well or domestic Karaoke w/Billy Dee 9pm to close.
YARD DOG - Open daily 8am. 50¢ off any Scotch until 7pm. Kennel open daily at 5pm.

Wednesday
AINT NOBODY'S BIZ - 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. Happy Hour \$1.75 well & domestic beer 4-10. Live Jazz on the patio with the Susan 5-9pm. Patio Bar 5-1pm. Dance Party with DJ Rayman 9 to 1. All drink specials not available during special events.
JAKE'S - Open 11am daily. Well \$1.75. Dance Room open 9pm - 1am. Country Music Nite
VENTURE-N - Open 10am. Patio open 5pm. Daily special til 7pm. Happy Hour Buffet 5-7pm.
WOODY'S - Open Noon. \$2 well or domestic beer til 4pm. Happy Hour 4-9pm. \$1.75 well or domestic. Martini Party - Well Martini's \$2.00 all day. Call Martini's \$3 from 4pm to close. Volleyball Court is Open. Patio Bar Open 7pm - midnight.
YARD DOG - Open daily 8am. 50¢ off any Gln until 7pm. Kennel open daily at 5pm.

Thursday
AINT NOBODY'S BIZ - Happy Hour Two-For-One 2-7. Pool tourney 7:30pm. \$3 entry, pot matched. \$1.50 longnecks for pool players. \$2 Bottle Bud products. 8-close. Country music with D.J.s. 8:30-1
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 close w/DJ-Q
JAKE'S - Open 11am daily. Well \$1.75.
VENTURE-N - Open 10am. Patio 5pm. Daily specials til 7pm.
WOODY'S - Open Noon. \$2 well or domestic til 4pm. Happy Hour 4-9pm. \$1.75 well or domestic. Tropical drink specials 8 to close. \$3 zombies. Jungle Juice, Mal Tai's.
YARD DOG - Open daily 8am. 50¢ off any Tequila until 7pm. Kennel open daily at 5pm.

Friday
AINT NOBODY'S BIZ - 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. Happy Hour \$1.75 well & domestic beer 4-10. Live Jazz on the patio with the Susan 5-9pm. Patio Bar 5-1pm. Dance Party with DJ Rayman 9 to 1. All drink specials not available during special events.
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YARD DOG - Open daily 8am. 50¢ off any Gln until 7pm. Kennel open daily at 5pm.

Saturday
AINT NOBODY'S BIZ - Open at 2pm. Pool Tournament 8:30pm \$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 4-10pm. Dance Party 9-1 w/DJ-Q. All drink specials not available during special events.
JAKE'S - Open 11am daily. Well \$1.75. Dance Room open 9pm - 1am. House Dance Nite
VENTURE-N - Open 10am. Patio Bar open at 3pm. Daily special til 7pm. Patio Beer Bust 3-7pm.
WOODY'S - Open 11am \$2 well or domestic beer. TH 4pm. Happy Hour 4-9pm. \$1.75 well or domestic. Patio Bar opens 5pm. Steak & Fish Fry 5-9pm. Fllet Mignon or Swordfish with Smirnoffs & roll \$3.
YARD DOG - Open daily 8am. Beer Bust 3-7pm. 75¢ glass. \$2.25 pitcher. 90¢ off any Rum 1pm to 7pm. Kennel open 5pm

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SOUTHERN ARIZONA GENDER ALLIANCE (SAGA). Meetings on the 1st Monday, 7pm. Desert Glitz (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 624-1778 for more info. SAGAEmail@aol.com http://members.aol.com/sageemail

EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT GROUP FOR ALTERNATIVE LIFESTYLES. Not a dating club. Discreet. Meetings every Monday evening. Call for more info. APEX (Arizona Power Exchange) 802-415-1123. 24-hr multi-choice message including information, calendar and location.

ARIZONA AIDS POLICY ALLIANCE (AZAPA) seeks to educate legislators and citizens about sound AIDS policy. For more information write AZAPA, 8523 N. 14th St., #112, Phoenix, AZ 85014 or call 502-278-4805.

DESERT DOMINION TUCSON'S 100% CONSENSUAL, Pan-Peet, Pan-Sexual, Informational, Educational, Safe Space for the B&D, S&M, D&S and TV community. For more info call (520)782-6424 or http://www.desertdominion.org

SEXUAL ASSAULT SURVIVORS. Starting this February, the Tucson Rape Crisis Center will be providing free confidential group services for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgendered 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)534-8219 (Phoenix)

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

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

SAA (Sex Addicts Anonymous) has 5 meetings a week in Tucson. People who wish to stop their compulsive sexual behavior, please call (520)570-1226 for current information.

LUTHERANS CONCERNED - Tucson chapter for Gay/Lesbian Lutherans meets 4th Sunday, 8:30 p.m. each month at Santa Cruz Lutheran Church, 6509 S. Cardinal Ave. For information visit www.lctucson.org write LC, 7014 E. Golf Links Road, PMB 212, Tucson, AZ 85730.

ABUSIVE RELATIONSHIPS: Confidential individual or group support for Gay, Bisexual or Trans men who are victims/survivors of domestic violence. For more information call 624-0348 (24-hour line).

REVELLE GAY MEN'S CHORUS rehearses Tuesdays 7-10pm at MCC Church, 3289 N. Mountain. Have any history/experience singing? Join us!! Call 617-3100 for more info.

TGNatArizona: The central source for news and information for, by and about the TG, G, and Gender-variant communities of Arizona. Website URL: http://www.tgnatizona.org - e-mail address: sigoodrum@uwest.net.org

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.

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

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

LESBIAN SUPPORT GROUP. Involving discussion, support and activities. Designed to support each other. Meets 1st & 3rd Saturday of each month from 9:30 to 11am. Alternate Saturdays the group meets for social activities. For info call Dorlan Easty, facilitator, 682-7723

P.F.L.A.G. - Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays - is a support group available to anyone who has a son, daughter or friend who is Gay. Call 575-8660 or write P.O. Box 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, 624-1779.

THE TUCSON Chapter of PRIME TIMERS WORLDWIDE invites Gay or Bisexual men and their admirers to join and share Prime Timers fellowship. We welcome mature men (and admirers) who wish to become involved with planned and future Prime Timers activities. Meetings luncheons and dinners are held monthly. For dates, times and information call 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 681-1794 - 8 am - 5 pm Mon. - Fri.

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

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

WINGSPAN - Tucson's Gay, Lesbian & Bisexual Community Center, 300 E. 6th St. offers support groups / info line / social events / library / meeting space. Volunteer Opportunities. Board meetings every 2nd Thursday (open to all), 8:00 p.m. Information 624-1778.

SUPPORT GROUP: Gays, Lesbians and Bisexuals meet weekly for open discussions in a loving, supportive atmosphere. Meetings Thursdays from 7:30 to 8:30 pm at St. Francis in the foothills Church, Swan and River Road, Room 43. For more information call the church at 289-8063 and ask for a contact person.

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

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

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

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

ATTENTION ALL NUDISTS - Tucson Tanners is a nudist group open to all - Nude activities scheduled both indoor and outdoors. Not "Gay Only", but Gays are welcome and invited to join. For further information send SASE to: Tucson Tanners, P.O. Box 84-O, Cortaro, AZ 85652.

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

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 848-6641

TUCSON GREATER SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION. Interested? Call Kelly Quinn, (520)742-7885 or go to our web site http://www.tgsofball.org

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LESBIAN AND GAY AL-ANON - Affected by someone's drinking? Meeting every Tuesday 8:45 to 9:45 p.m. at Lambda Center, 2940 E. Thomas, Phoenix. Else 581-8850 or Ronn 985-2364.

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

CROWES SOCIAL GROUP. A Social group for Gay men who enjoy the fellowship of their peers. Call Leo at 624-8783.

T-SQUARES Lesbian and Gay square dance club meets every Tuesday from 6:30-9:00 p.m. at Cornerstone Fellowship Social Hall, 2902 N. Geronimo (near 1st Ave. and Laguna). Open to All. Call Liz at 325-0488 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.

COME EXPLORE YOUR SPIRITUALITY! St. Philip's in the Hills Episcopal Church offers a variety of Gay and Lesbian groups and services for the spiritually minded. Come meet the Phenyl! For more information call Debbie 579-9827 or David 323-7943.

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

DESERT VOICES, Tucson's Gay & Lesbian Chorus rehearses Monday evenings from 8:30 to 9:30pm at Armory Park Senior Center, 220 S. 8th Ave. Call 791-9882.

Join the LESBIAN & GAY PUBLIC AWARENESS PROJECT. In Tucson write Awareness Project, 3661 N. Campbell Ave. #365, Tucson, AZ 85719.

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

MEN'S SOCIAL NETWORK: Social organization for men of all ages. Building an extended Gay family in Tucson. Monthly social potluck gatherings the first Saturday of each month and almost weekly social activities. Call Jerry at 690-9585 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 298-0647.

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

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

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

COMMUNITY BUSINESS ASSOCIATION (CBA), Tucson's Gay and Lesbian business networking group holds regular meetings the third Thursday of every month. Call 615-8436 for more info.

TUCSON LESBIAN/GAY ALLIANCE (TLGA) meets on the second Tuesday at Wingspan, 300 E. 6th Street at 7pm. TLGA produces Pride events. Inquiries about support groups and individual needs should be directed to Wingspan and other local agencies listed here. For more information call 622-3200 or visit TLGA website www.tucsonpride.com

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