

## Record Amount Raised For TIHAN's Treasures



TUCSON - In the top photo, "Treasures for TIHAN 2002" Co-Chair Bertie Lozano admires the welcoming sign at the Radisson where the festivities took place. In the lower photo, Mr. Dave Huff and Mr. Frank Schepis flank TIHAN Executive Director Mr. Scott Blades. They were among the 350 persons who attended this annual fund raiser for TIHAN (Tucson Interfaith HIV/AIDS Network.). See related story.

TUCSON - The Tucson Interfaith HIV/AIDS Network (TIHAN) held on February 23, their fifth annual "Treasures for TIHAN" silent and live auction, with 350 in attendance raising a record-setting \$51,000 to support the direct services and education provided by TIHAN.

According to organizers, TIHAN's team of volunteers went all out to provide the perfect atmosphere for the event - free valet parking, wonderful hors d'oeuvres, and plenty of tables to display treasures. "Treasures for TIHAN" is a benefit auction where local galleries, artists and patrons donate items for both a silent and live auction. Organizers expressed their thanks to the generous underwriting of individuals and businesses, resulting in 100% of the money raised at the event goes directly to TIHAN programs and services.

The evening began with arriving guests handing their keys to valets and registering for the auction. Each bidder was given a number and bidding card. As guests entered the ballroom, they were overwhelmed with the immense variety of treasures - Waterford crystal, signed autographs, original oils and watercolors, whimsical sculptures, Native American-designed vessels, and even an original Thai 100+ piece brass table service for twelve. Items were indicated as either available for silent bidding, or for live bidding in the hour-long auction that ended the evening. There was spirited one-upmanship in the live auction, with the sale of every item bringing applause, and gasps of amazement following auctioneer Dan Haslam's shouts of "sold."

It was with nervous anticipation  
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## G/L Rights Group Condemns Bush's 'Marriage Plan'

WASHINGTON, DC - Led by the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, a coalition of progressive Gay and Lesbian civil rights groups condemned the Bush Administration's plan to spend \$300 million on a plan to "promote marriage" among the disadvantaged.

The initiative, part of the administration's overhaul of the welfare system, calls for "encouraging healthy marriages and two-parent married families as a goal."

The plan authorizes \$300 million for projects meant to advance the idea of matrimony to opposite-sex couples, who might not otherwise be disposed to marry. The proposal also sets aside \$100 million to subsidize state and local projects aimed at improving marriages, with counseling and cash bonuses to welfare recipients who marry.

The program was denounced by the NGLTF as not only unnecessary, but unfair. "Lesbian mothers on welfare cannot marry," said Sean Cahill of NGLTF's Policy Institute. "The safety net should support all families in need, not only those which pass a conservative litmus test. Bush's proposal privileges particular kinds of families while penalizing and stigmatizing others."

"The proposal released is based on political motivations, not social science research," Cahill noted. "Mandatory marriage is not the answer to poverty."

An NGLTF report released in conjunction with the group's statements asserts key elements of the welfare reform and the administration's emphasis on fatherhood and marriage initiatives, abstinence-only education, and its faith-based initiatives plan threaten not only low-income Gay people, but all members of the Lesbian and Gay community.

The group notes that Wade Horn and Andrew Bush, two of Bush's top welfare and family policy architects, endorsed a proposed ban on Gay adoption and a ban on two-parent welfare benefits to unmarried couples. Horn called "the notion that all family structures are...all equally good for children" the "enemy" of those concerned about child welfare.

Lorri Jean, who heads the NGLTF, said: "Marriage and fatherhood initiatives threaten millions of single-parent and unmarried two-parent families with children. They are a monumental waste of money that could be put to much better use to lift people out of poverty."

## Lawyer Implies Whipple's Partner Shares Blame

LOS ANGELES, CA - Sharon Smith, Diane Whipple's partner, took the stand in the dog-mauling murder trial and came under intense cross-examination, the San Francisco Chronicle reports.

A defense attorney representing Marjorie Knoller suggested Smith's failure to act on the couple's fear of their neighbor's dogs was to blame for her partner's death.

"You did nothing to remedy the situation where your life partner lived in fear?" said defense attorney Nedra Ruiz, referring to Whipple's fear of the dogs that eventually killed her.

"We took action," said Smith. "We stayed away from the dogs. I didn't make a complaint. Now, I wish I had."

Ruiz replied: "Do you consider that had you made a complaint, Diane Whipple might be alive today?"

The question brought gasps from the gallery and an objection from prosecutor James Hammer, who accused Ruiz of "trying to blame Ms. Smith" for Whipple's death. Smith turned away without answering, and Judge James Warren ruled the question irrelevant.

The question is in line with Ruiz's strategy to portray her client as someone who tried to save Whipple's life and shift a large part of the blame for the mauling to other parties. She accused the first two police officers on the scene of doing nothing while the 33-year-old Whipple was bleeding to death.

A month before she died, Whipple called Smith at work to tell her one of 120-pound Presa Canarios had bitten her. From then on, Smith said, Whipple was terrified of the animals.

"Every time we passed the dogs, she made sure I was with her, and she would do everything she could to be as far away as possible from the dogs," Smith said. "On occasion, she would even push me" in front of her, Smith said.

Outside the courtroom, Smith said she was "shocked and, frankly, deeply offended" by Ruiz's line of questioning.

Smith's attorney, Michael Cardoza, was furious. "The defense team blamed Diane for her own death, right at the beginning. They then turned to the San Francisco Police Department and said it

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# UPDATE

## Tucson Mayor And Council Support HB2663

TUCSON (ON) - During their weekly meeting, Monday, March 4, Tucson's Mayor and Council approved a measure, sponsored by Councilmember Steve Leal, D-Ward 5, going on record supporting HB 2663.

Sponsored by openly Gay state Representative Ed Poelstra, R-Tucson, HB 2663 would expand Arizona's Hate Crimes Law to cover misdemeanor offenses. Under the bill, if a person convicted of a misdemeanor crime, for which it is proven that it was motivated by bias, would either received the maximum prison sentence for the misdemeanor or the maximum fine listed.

"I'm extremely pleased with their vote coming out publicly in support of the bill," Poelstra said, "and I looked forward to their input and lobbying to make this measure a reality."

The Co-Chair of the City of Tucson GLBT Commission was pleased with the vote. "I'm ecstatic," Bertie Lozano said, "especially in lieu of what happened in the Tucson Fire Department issue."

With their vote, Tucson's legislative lobbyist will work for the passage of HB 2663. Pima County's Board of Supervisors will also be considering a resolution supporting the bill.

## 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.

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## Reveille Concert March 15

TUCSON - Reveille Gay Men's Chorus premieres its first commissioned work, "Unwrapped Roads" on March 15-16, 8:00 p.m., at the Pima College Center for the Arts Proscenium Theater.

Unmapped Roads, composed by Ted Owens for Reveille, will be the featured work in Reveille's "The Sound of New Music" concert. In Unmapped Roads, Ted Owens has taken the poetry of Alberto Rios and created music at once powerful and haunting. It is the centerpiece of "The Sound of New Music" concert, which also features contemporary choral music by new and young composers.

Ted Owens is a composer and doctoral student at the UA School of Music. Alberto Rios is a much honored poet, a Tucsonan and Regents' Professor of Poetry at Arizona State University. Mr. Owens will participate in a discussion of his new work at Borders Books at Speedway and Wilmot on Saturday afternoon, March 16, before the concert. Both he and Mr. Rios will be honored at a post-concert reception after the Friday evening performance, and Mr. Owens will be present for a reception following the Saturday concert.

Tickets are available at Desert Pride, Antigone's, Tucson Trunk, from chorus members, and through the Reveille phone line at (520) 617-3100. Credit cards are accepted. Tickets will also be sold at the door.

## New Miss Carousel To Be Crowned

By Ric Reyna

TUCSON - For the past 8 years, the Miss Carousel Pageant has held benefits in September to help raise money for organizations in the community.

In order to successfully carry the title through it's full term, the winner is required to hold or perform in 2 benefit shows approved by MRM Productions. To avoid complications, these benefits are required to be held within the first 6 months of Miss Carousel's reign. It is also necessary for the winner be properly advertised as the title holder in The Observer to satisfy the requirements for these benefits. Unfortunately, these requirements were not met by the original Miss Carousel 2001 and according to the rules and regulations governing the Miss Carousel Pageant, the crown and title shall be passed to the 1st Alternate.

I would like to invite the community to Jake's at 2921 N. First Ave on March 9, 8:00 p.m., for the crowning ceremony of Miss Diana Flair, Miss Carousel 2001. Following the crowning ceremony will be a night of entertainment as we hold a benefit show for T.I.H.A.N. Please join myself and our friends in support of Diana Flair, T.I.H.A.N., and Jake's Bar/Nightclub.

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## Building on Their Future

PHOENIX - Celebrating their 6th anniversary, members of Community Church of Hope (CCH) did more than eat cake. As preparations continue to purchase their own church building, CCH members took the occasion of the anniversary to raise an additional \$20,000 for the building fund, March 2.

This puts the total banked by Church of Hope to approximately \$120,000. CCH is the largest GLBT Christian church in the Valley, attracting an average of 230 people each Sunday. "I pleased with our fundraising progress," said CCH administrator Carol Dorman. "I'm excited about all the preparations for the move. I'm confident with community support we will make out fund raising goals."

Dorman said organizations like the Arizona Gay Rodeo Association and Arizona Central Pride have been very supportive of the church. Also, local businesses like Charlie's have assisted with helping the church raise funds. Pussy LeHoot and several other area performers also have taken on the new church building cause to help raise money.

The March 2nd \$20,000 fund raiser, dubbed "A Moving Experience," was a five-month, planned giving commitment by church members. While church members will continue to raise money within the organization, Stout said, one of the next big steps is a church bond sale. The sale of church bonds is a standard practice by churches acquiring real estate. Church bonds allow outside investors to buy shares of the property's value. Since the average return on church bonds are much higher than many other investments, and they are considered safer than other investments, Stout said the bonding company expects to sell out within one week of initiating the sale.

## Depressed Gay Men's Support Group Formed

TUCSON - Dan Tyler, author of "Sharing The Joke: An account of Suicidal Depression and the Long Road to Happiness" and founder of External Educational Resources, Inc., is hosting a new support group for depressed Gay men and the people who love them.

Meetings are Monday evenings from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. at Wingspan, 300 6th Street.

For more information call (520) 870-6674 or e-mail dan\_tyler2001@yahoo.com

## Fourth Fridays Provide New Alternative

TUCSON - Looking for something different on a fourth Friday?

Then meet and greet GLBT men at the Presidio Grill, 3352 E. Speedway Blvd., on Friday, March 22 from 5:00 - 9:00 p.m. for the first of Tucson's Fourth Friday gatherings.

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# Alabama Judge Defends Anti-Gay Remarks

MONTGOMERY, AL - State Supreme Court Chief Justice Roy Moore insisted last week he was only following established judicial precedent when he issued an official opinion calling homosexuality an "inherent evil" that makes Gays "presumptively unfit" to raise children.

"I was quoting common law. This is a common law state," Moore said Feb. 20, according to the Associated Press. "I was just going by the law."

Moore is barred by law from discussing any Supreme Court decision in detail, but he briefly addressed the general issue as he left a budget hearing. Common law is the doctrine that judicial decisions are based on the way the law has been interpreted in the past.

Alabama conservatives also stepped up to defend Moore last week, as local and national Gay groups continued to protest the chief justice's remarks, made in a concurring opinion issued Feb. 15 in a Lesbian mother's custody case.

"In this age of political correctness, some people are going to condemn his outspokenness, but I'm certainly not," Alabama Republican Party leader Marty Connors told AP. "I think he's right."

Connors and Alabama GOP executive director Tim Baer did not respond to requests for further comment on the official state party stance on the issue.

Meanwhile, the leader of Alabama's Christian Family Association heckled a protest by pro-Gay faith leaders before

grabbing the microphone to denounce Gays as "a fringe group" that is nothing more than "a gnat on the rear end of an elephant," according to the Birmingham News.

"It is an absolute shame to have people that are calling themselves men of God to stand up here and condone the homosexual lifestyle," Dean Young said, according to the newspaper.

He called homosexuality "a deviant, destructive lifestyle" and said pastors who condone it need to "need to get another job," the newspaper reported.

Young and a handful of other Moore supporters disrupted the Feb. 22 protest on the steps of the state judicial building that included some 50 ministers of various faiths, national Gay politicians and a bulletin board wrapped in more than 200 fax statements against Moore, said Ken Baker, executive director of Equality Begins at Home of Central Alabama.

"The protest was a way to let the people of Alabama and the nation know that all people of faith don't think the way Judge Roy Moore does," Baker said. "We needed to let the Gay people here know that people outside the state care so they don't feel as isolated. It was a chance for the truly fair-minded folks of Alabama to speak out and be heard."

The rally also included speeches by national Gay leaders from the National Gay & Lesbian Task Force and the Human Rights Campaign, Baker said.

The activists criticized remarks Moore made in a non-requisite concurring opinion filed with a unanimous Supreme Court decision against Lesbian mother Dawn Huber, who is vying for custody of her children.

While the official decision - written by another justice - was framed in legal grounds not related to the mother's sexual orientation, Moore's opinion focused solely on that aspect of the case.

The 30-page opinion called homosexuality "detestable and abominable" and an "inherent evil" that goes against biblical scripture and Alabama law. Moore's document specified that in Alabama, those who break the law are subject to "confinement and even execution. [The state] must use that power to prevent the subversion of children toward this lifestyle, to not encourage a criminal lifestyle."

That remark led some activists to condemn Moore for inciting violence against Gays.

"To call for the execution of people for who they are is to set American law and basic civil rights back at least 40 years," protest participant Laura Montgomery-Rutt, a representative of spiritual group Equal Partners in Faith, said in an interview.

"It's ironic to me that this debacle is coming out of Montgomery, where the civil rights movement began and similar violence was condoned against African-Americans," said Montgomery-Rutt, also a member of Americans United for the Separation of Church & State. "It's unac-

ceptable and Roy Moore needs to be stopped."

Moore was only quoting the law and not condoning violence, Stephen Melchior, a Wyoming attorney who has represented Moore in legal battles, told the Associated Press.

"You've got to go out of your way, to just flat out lie, to say he wants to execute homosexuals," Melchior said, according to the AP.

Along with the protest, Moore's comments have drawn two complaints with the state's judicial office. After filing an official complaint Feb. 20 with the Alabama Judicial Inquiry Commission, attorneys with the Lambda Legal Defense & Education Fund disputed that Moore followed the law.

"It is important that all people of Alabama know they are entitled to a fair shake under the law," said Greg Nevins, staff attorney with Lambda's Atlanta-based Southern Regional Office. "Judge Moore's comments are clearly prejudiced and we believe that's against the law. He clearly cannot judge fairly."

"We trust that the Judicial Commission will take their duties seriously, give the complaint a fair hearing and so will see that a violation of the law exists," Nevins said.

A separate but similar complaint against Moore was filed Feb. 18 by state Rep. Alvin Holmes (D-Montgomery), a longtime civil rights supporter in the state.

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## 'Queer As Folk' Named Favorite Show In GLBT Poll

NEW YORK, NY (WS) - Showtime's Queer as Folk has been chosen the top show featuring Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, or Transgendered characters in a nationwide online poll of self-identified GLBT respondents conducted by Zogby International and GLCensus (a Syracuse University, OpusComm Group, and GSociety Partnership), the group announced.

Queer as Folk was chosen the favorite by 39% of the respondents. NBC's Will & Grace came in second with 22%, and NBC's ER was third with 10% of the first-place votes. Other shows receiving significant votes included HBO's Six Feet Under (8%), the WB's Buffy the Vampire Slayer (6%), and CBS's The Ellen Show (3%).

The online poll included 1,931 U.S. residents who identified themselves as Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, or transgendered and was conducted February 18-21.

While QAF was named favorite show, its lead character, Brian Kinney, played by Gale Harold, was voted the GLBT character portrayed most negatively. His character was followed by Sean Hayes's portrayal of Jack McFarland on Will & Grace and ER's Dr. Kerry Weaver, played by Laura Innes.

"It's not surprising—that Showtime's Queer as Folk came out as the favorite GLBT show despite the lead character, Brian Kinney, being voted as portraying the most negative GLBT character," said Jeff Garber of OpusComm Group in a statement. "I think the bigger surprise to the general public, but not the GLBT community, is that NBC's Will & Grace's Jack McFarland was perceived the second most negatively portrayed GLBT main character. To the general public, the character Jack is one of the most favorite for his 'over the top' performance. However, the GLBT community probably feels that McFarland's portrayal of Jack, although funny, perpetuates negative stereotypes [because he is] an unemployed, shallow man who lives off the good graces of his friends."

Eric McCormack's portrayal of Will Truman on Will & Grace was named GLBT character most positively portrayed, with Ellen DeGeneres's character, Ellen, and Hal Sparks's portrayal of Michael Novotny on Queer as Folk in a virtual tie for second. Scott Seomin, entertainment media director for the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation, said, "Eric McCormack's portrayal of Will Truman is a revelation. This is one of the few exam-

ples of a straight actor playing Gay with honesty and integrity. He does do the best job in portraying a Gay man currently on television, and he deserves our community's thanks."

Among GLBT supporting characters, the favorite was Emmett Honeycutt (Peter Paige) of Queer as Folk; the least favorite, Mr. Garrison of South Park. Lindsay Peterson (Thea Gill) of Queer as Folk was chosen as representing the most positive portrayal of a GLTB supporting character, while Mr. Garrison was voted the worst portrayal. "Lesbian portrayals on prime time are beloved by the Gay and Lesbian community," said Seomin. "Characters such as Dr. Weaver and Lindsay Peterson are popular and scarce. Lesbian representation on television is so sparse, in fact, that our community seeks out these characters and holds them dear."

Respondents were also asked to rate the portrayal of GLBT characters in several shows on a scale of very accurate, somewhat accurate, somewhat inaccurate, and very inaccurate. Over one third (35%) of respondents chose Queer as Folk as very accurate, followed by ER (26%) and Will & Grace (26%). No show was clearly labeled as very inaccurate, although Son of a Beach led the category with 7% of the vote. The least favorite show that features a GLBT character is Comedy Central's South Park, chosen by 18% of the respondents.

Garber said the poll is probably summed up best from one of the comments from a poll respondent: "Gay people are so diverse, one show could not possibly accurately describe a Gay person or the Gay culture."

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**RODNEY DANGERFIELD:** "Bisexuality immediately doubles your chances for a date on Saturday night."

**GEORGE BURNS:** "Sex is one of the nine reasons for reincarnation. The other eight are unimportant."

**GEORGE BURNS:** "It isn't premarital sex if you have no intention of getting married."

**HENRY MILLER:** "The Bible contains six admonishments to homosexuals and 62 admonishments to heterosexuals. That doesn't mean that God doesn't love heterosexuals. It's just that they need more supervision."

## West Virginia Kills Hate Crimes Bill

CHARLESTON, WV - For the third time in three years, West Virginia lawmakers have killed a bill that seeks to include protection for Gay men and Lesbians in the state's hate-crimes law, the Associated Press reports.

The House Judiciary Committee voted unanimously to "postpone indefinitely" any vote on the issue, effectively killing the bill's chances for passage this session.

West Virginia's hate crime law mandates heavier sentences for crimes found to motivated by a criminal's hatred of a victim's race, religion, nationality, political affiliation or gender. The bill sought to expand these protections to Gay people and the disabled.

Predictably, conservative opponents claimed the bill would create "special rights" on the basis of sexual orientation

and disability.

"This is a means of promoting a militant homosexual agenda that has nothing to do with either respect, hate or love," said Henry Thaxton, director of West Virginians Against Government Waste.

"This is the third year our pro-family coalition has been up here (at the Capitol), and we keep beating them worse every year."

Cheri Heflin Montgomery of the West Virginia Lesbian and Gay Coalition said: "It's a very sad day for West Virginia," she said. "We are sending a message that it is OK to discriminate, harass and abuse Gays and Lesbians and people with disabilities."

Montgomery said the coalition will be back again next year, and every year until the legislation is passed.

## Boston Priest Reveals Gay Relationship

BOSTON, MA - The pedophilia scandal in the Boston Archdiocese deepened when one of the suspected priests admitted to lying about a long-term Gay relationship while on a leave of absence.

The Rev. D. George Spagnolia acknowledged the sexual relationship, according to the Boston Globe, just days after asserting that he had remained celibate during his 20-year leave.

Spagnolia is one of 10 priests removed by Cardinal Bernard F. Law last month because of allegations of sexual abuse. The 64-year-old priest denies charges that he molested a 14-year-old while serving at a Roxbury church in 1971.

According to the Globe, Spagnolia took a leave of absence in 1973 over a dispute with then-Cardinal Humberto S. Medeiros. Shortly afterward he began a sexual relationship with Winston F. Reed, and they lived together until 1980 in Boston and Hyannis.

While American priests on leave may not necessarily be dispensed by the Vatican (news - web sites) from their vow of chastity, it is not uncommon for them to explore their sexuality, said Francis DeBernardo, executive director of New Ways Ministry, which serves Gay and Lesbian Catholics.

"Often times, the purpose of a leave is to find out if living celibately is truly what a priest desires," DeBernardo told the Gay.com/PlanetOut.com Network.

The fact that he lied about the relationship may cast doubt on Spagnolia's credibility with many of Boston's Catholic faithful. He is the first of the 10 priests to publicly declare his innocence in a wide-ranging sex abuse scandal that has led to calls for Cardinal Law's resignation.

"I hope that the fact that Father Spagnolia is Gay and the fact that he is accused of pedophilia do not become blurred together in people's minds," DeBernardo said.

## Man Sues Hospital For Blocking Visitation

BALTIMORE, MD - A man who was prevented by hospital officials from seeing his dying partner because he wasn't "family" has sued the health center for negligence and infliction of emotional distress.

According to the Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund, the suit claims that Bill Flanigan was denied access to his partner of five years, Robert Daniel, despite having durable power of attorney papers and being legally registered as Daniel's partner (in California). Flanigan sued the University of Maryland Medical System (UMMS), reported the Gay.com/PlanetOut.com network.

While visiting family in northern Virginia, Daniel was rushed to the hospital on Oct. 16, 2000, because of difficulty breathing. He was transferred to the UMMS Shock Trauma Center and treated for AIDS-related complications.

At the center, Flanigan was denied

access to Daniel and his doctors, according to Lambda, who is representing Flanigan in the suit. Authorities also denied him information about Daniel's condition, asserting that "partners" did not qualify as "family."

Flanigan was granted access four hours later, once Daniel's mother and sister arrived. But by that time the patient was in a state of unconsciousness, which lasted three days before he died.

Hospital officials told the Baltimore Sun that a preliminary review found "nothing to substantiate" Flanigan's allegations. Lambda's David Buckel said the case underscores the need for more civil rights for same-sex couples.

"When the government won't let you marry, not even protecting yourself through legal documents will guarantee that the person closest to you will be allowed to be by your side during times of crisis," Buckel said.

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## POETRY

### 'Give Them Hell, Send Them Jesse'

Arizona's Legislature has a total of three openly Gay state Representatives, two Republicans - Steve May from Paradise Valley and Ed Poelstra from Tucson, and one Democrat, Ken Chevront of Phoenix, the current House Democratic Leader who is planning a run for the state Senate in this year's campaign.

For this upcoming election, there are several other hopefuls, from the Phoenix area and Northern Arizona, who want to serve in the Arizona House in January 2003, even with the plethora of candidates, it seems state Representative Ed Poelstra would be the sole Gay and Lesbian voice from Southern Arizona but that has changed with the emergence of another openly Gay candidate.

Jesse George, the former chair of the Pima County Democratic Party has announced his intentions to run for one of the two open seats in the westside Legislative District, either the old District 11 or the new District 27, depending upon the resolution of the lawsuits being filed as of press time.

George hopes to succeed the two current state Representatives: Debora Norris, D-Sells, who is running for the Democratic nomination for U.S. House of Representatives, CD-1 (Northern Arizona), and Carmine Cardamone, D-Tucson, who is running for the state Senate seat being vacated by Elaine Richardson, who is running for the U.S. House of Representatives in CD-7, the new Southern Arizona seat in Congress.

Westside voters would succeed with Jesse George in the Arizona House due to his extensive background, citing a few of George's accomplishments: serving in the Texas Legislature from 1961 to 1968; working for then President Lyndon Johnson as a congressional liaison for the Small Business Administration and in the Office Economic Opportunity as a soldier in the war on poverty; and, doing one of the most important jobs in society, as a teacher at the high-school and junior college levels.

Gay and Lesbian voters would succeed greatly with George's election, since he serves as the Co-Chair of the Stonewall Democrats PAC, and under his leadership, organized the successful fund raiser last year for the Stonewall Democrats, which featured openly Gay U.S. Representative Barney Frank, D-MA, resulting in a jump in membership for the Gay and Lesbian Democratic group and reopening the eyes of party officers and elected officials that Gays and Lesbian voters are numerous and can't be taken for granted.

When asked about current issues, George expressed his strong support for two pending measures going through the Arizona Legislature that would set up a state-wide domestic partnership registry and grant rights to those who would register in areas as hospital visitation/medical power of attorney to wills and probate, naming a couple of areas of the nine that the legislation would cover. He also strongly supports revisiting Arizona's hate crime's law to expand it to cover misdemeanor offenses.

Three issues do not a campaign make though, George said his campaign

plans to focus on other issues, such as health care, the environment, education, social services and senior citizens, or as he put it, "the traditional Democratic issues," an extensive part of George's background in politics, for which he has served, as previously mentioned, as Pima County Democratic Chair, as well as Chair of the District 11 Democrats and before that, many posts with the Maricopa County Democratic organization, something that makes this reporter a strong-supporter of his legislative bid.

During the 1980's, George resided in the Tempe area, home to then Legislative District 27, an area not known for electing Democratic candidates or having an effective Democratic organization but with his hard work, initially cultivating the area, District 27 now has two Democratic legislators, former Tempe Mayor and current state Senator Harry Mitchell and state Representative Meg Burton-Cahill. Democratic candidates aren't thought of as also runs but as serious candidates, something an effective leader, such as George, played a part in helping to accomplish, something which is sorely missing and needed at 1700 West Washington.

Jesse George is running as a "Clean Election" candidate, which means he is trying to collect 200 donations of \$5 from registered Democrat's in his legislative district to qualify for public campaign financing. Under Arizona's "Clean Election" law, George can also raised \$2,650 for start-up money from any individual, outside his district, with the maximum donation being \$110.

To send a contribution, make checks payable to the "Jesse George 2002 Committee," and send them to 3350 West Sandalwood Drive, Tucson, Arizona, 85745. For more information, please call (520) 743-4320 or E-mail: [george\\_jesse@juno.com](mailto:george_jesse@juno.com).

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# AIDS Czar Stirs Reaction With Appearance

ATLANTA, GA - A 20-minute speech in Atlanta by President Bush's Gay AIDS czar drew mixed reviews from some AIDS activists and criticism for his joking reference to his predecessor in the Clinton administration.

But Republican supporters of Scott Evertz, appointed by Bush last April as director of the Office of National AIDS Policy, said his appearance Feb. 21 before the Atlanta Executive Network wasn't intended to be a lengthy policy discussion, the Southern Voice reported.

"Given the importance of the subject matter, I expected to hear him explain how the Bush administration plans to address the AIDS crisis, and I was more than a little disappointed to hear 20 minutes of jokes instead," said Jeff Graham, executive director of AIDS Survival Project. "Even when he was asked point blank what specific policy initiatives he would like to see addressed, he could not come up with a single one. That's a problem."

But Rich Tafel, executive director of the Washington, D.C.-based Log Cabin Republicans, said Evertz was asked to visit Atlanta and "just do a get-to-know you talk." His speech was limited to 20 minutes to keep it "light," said Tafel, who introduced Evertz to the crowd of about 300 people.

"This wasn't meant to be a huge new policy initiative," Tafel said. "It's just humor. The Democrats in the audience are just angry that the highest-ranking openly Gay man in any administration is in a Republican administration."

Evertz is the highest-ranking openly Gay official in a Republican administration. The Clinton White House included openly Gay appointees at higher ranks, including deputy chief of staff.

Evertz received a large round of applause and a partial standing ovation from African-American attendees at the AEN meeting when he promised to reroute some existing federal AIDS funds to minority controlled organizations.

But when pressed from an audience member to name his top five priorities as AIDS czar, Evertz stopped short.

He said he was "sure people would like for there to be a top five," but he "couldn't think of any at the moment," and the administration had "recently learned something very important: HIV transmission isn't caused by people not knowing how to use a condom."

Evertz began his address by defending Bush's appointments, saying, "This President really does want to appoint people who are the best ones for the job, regardless of their sexual orientation. The word is still out on whether I'm the best one for this job."

"I'm still uncomfortable with the title 'AIDS czar,' Evertz said. "Especially because it didn't come with the requisite tiara."

Evertz added that Clinton AIDS czar Sandra Thurman, formerly with AID Atlanta, was "much more the tiara-type. I'm sure she has a closet full of them."

Evertz later said his comments were misunderstood.

"I respect Sandy and the work she

did enormously and have told her publicly and privately that her leadership made my job much easier," Evertz said in a phone interview from Washington, D.C.

Thurman, now president of the International AIDS Trust in Washington, D.C., said Evertz is "a good egg."

"I know Scott and he and I have a wonderful working relationship that has blossomed over the past year," Thurman said. "I poke fun at him for being an oxymoron - a Gay Republican - and he says I dress like one, so that's okay."

Ken Britt, executive director at Atlanta law firm Alston & Bird and a past AEN board member, said some of the reaction to Evertz's speech had more to do with HIV issues than partisan politics.

"These are people who know an awful lot about the fight against HIV and AIDS, and several people in the room were HIV-positive" Britt said. "They were expecting to be inspired. They were expecting a leader. What they got was a stand up routine."

Britt said he attended a private reception with Evertz after his AEN appearance and found him "dedicated and engaging, one-on-one."

The bottom line, according to Britt, "is our community needs to rally around him regardless, and we need to get things done together. There's still a lot to do, and this is who we have to get it done."

## European Court Rules On Adoption Ban

BRUSSELS, Belgium (GFN) - The European Court of Human Rights ruled that member states of the European Union can refuse to allow Gays and Lesbians to adopt.

In the ruling, the court said France was not guilty of discriminating when it prevented a Paris Gay man from adopting.

The court said there were significant "divisions within the scientific community about the possible consequences of children being brought up by one or more homosexual parents." As a result, it said the decision to allow Gays and Lesbians to adopt should be left to individual member states.

The ruling said that the various countries making up the EU were "in principle better placed than an international court to evaluate local needs and conditions."

The decision has angered Gay rights activists who had hoped a blanket ruling endorsing Gay adoption would force E.U. countries to legislate adoption rights.

The court did rule, however, that Philippe Frette was denied a right to a fair hearing when a French appeal court set aside an earlier ruling in his favor and dismissed his request to be allowed to adopt.

In a unanimous ruling the court said he had not been properly informed about when the appeal was to be heard, nor was he given the opportunity to examine or to respond to the government's arguments ahead of the hearing.

Frette was awarded court costs, but the Court of Human Rights did not order a new hearing.

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## COMMENTARY

### Tucson Lesbian & Gay Alliance: Who Are We? Where Did We Come From? And What Do We Do?

By Dana Young

The Tucson Lesbian & Gay Alliance (TLGA) is a IRS 501(c)3 non-profit organization that produces and promotes cultural, education and recreational events for the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender community in Tucson, Arizona. We are a Board comprised of up to fifteen year-round volunteers.

TLGA currently produces and/or promotes three events each year. These events are: Pride Week (usually the last week in June), Gay West (on the last Saturday night of Pride Week) and OUToberFEST (the second Saturday in October).

TLGA's roots go back to 1977 when the organization was called Tucson Gay Coalition. The first known Pride celebration in Tucson was held on June 28th at Himmel Park where 50 people attended the celebration coordinated by the Coalition. There were very few, if any other, GLBT organizations at that time and the Coalition was depended on to handle many GLBT issues that arose.

In 1979, the attendance at the celebration grew to 700. All three TV stations covered the event. Local newspapers and the fundamentalist group "The Door" protested the event. The Tucson Gay Pride Planning Committee coordinated the festival from 1981 through 1987. In 1984, Vice-Mayor Tom Volgy spoke at the festival and Kim Hunter, the first openly Gay delegate from Arizona to the DNC attended this festival.

On June 22, 1986 two thousand people attended the festival where senatorial candidate Richard Kimball spoke to the crowd. This was another first in Tucson Pride festival history. Also, in 1988 was the first proclamation from the Mayor Tom Volgy. TLGFC changed its name this year to the Tucson Lesbian and Gay Alliance. This same year Wingspan, after being a "loosely run grassroots organization" since the early 80's, obtained their 501(c)3 status and became better equipped to handle many of Tucson's GLBT concerns and needs.

From 1989 to 1993 the festival continued to grow in attendance. There were more vendors at the event and our elected officials continued to speak to us about GLBT issues. We were getting bigger and more vocal but not everyone was happy about this. In 1993 the Tucson Police Department and the State Board of Liquor Control was influenced and tried to deny us our permit. We prevailed. But the organization still had some problems.

Himmel Park was too small for the number of people attending the event, we were spreading the organization to thin and financially we were in trouble. At that time decisions made to be made for the future of Tucson's Pride event. The TLGA board had to start treating this organization as a business and look at ways to secure the future of this organization and Pride events for this community. By this time other GLBT organizations were taking on some of the issues that TLGA had previously been involved with so the decisions was made to narrow our scope down to just producing and promoting quality Pride events.

The festival date was moved from June to October. This was due to the heat as well as to have the opportunity to gain attendance from University of Arizona students. The festival was moved to Reid Park to provide a larger and safer space for us to grow. We applied and received our 501(c)3 status and financial plans were made to ensure our future. In 1995 the official name of the festival became "OUToberFEST" and 5000 people attended the festival.

In 1996 several more new changes came about, with some criticism. Beer was sold instead of being free for the first time. Ten thousand dollars was raised from beer sales with \$2,000 in proceeds given back to GLBT non-profit organizations in Tucson. In 1997, Pima County successfully defended and passed domestic partner benefits for Pima County employees. 6801 people attended the festival and \$2845 was given back to the Tucson community. The 1998 festival brought a moment of silence for Matthew Shepard and other victims of hate crimes and Mayor Miller spearheaded the formation of a commission for GLBT issues. In 2000, TLGA became the official producer of Gay West at Old Tucson Studios and we hosted a two-day conference for Pride organizers from Arizona, California, Nevada, Hawaii and the country of Mexico.

Due to our continued growth, we were asked to once again move to a new location at the DeMeester Center in the Northwest corner of Reid Park. At this location we were able to have 2 entertainment areas. The Main Stage, where most of our headliners performed, and the Community Stage, where local drag performers, church choirs, youth groups performed. Approximately 20 politicians were able to address the community about issues important to the GLBT community.

In 2001, attendance grew to 9000 and vendors to 90. Over \$10000 was given back to non-profits in our community from either Gay West proceeds or our "Volunteer for Dollars" program at OUToberFEST. Pride Week was expanded to include not only "Bar Nighis" and Gay West but also many other activities throughout the week, which included Skate Night, Bowling Night, Relationship Blessing at MCC and a Youth Dance. In addition, we revised our mission statement as follows:

Our Purpose is to produce and promote Pride events for Tucson, Arizona, throughout the year.

Our Intent is to create forums through which Lesbian, Gay, Bi-Sexual,

Transgender and Heterosexual people can express their Creativity, Visibility, Unity, and Diversity with Dignity.

Our Aim is to nurture Cultural and Artistic statement throughout the Community.

Our Goal is to Educate, Commemorate, and Celebrate Lesbian, Gay, Bi-sexual and Transgender History, Uniqueness, and Diversity in all facets of our Community.

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# T HOROSCOPES

BY C. LICHTENSTEIN

Jupiter, the planet of jolliness and expansion, has been hogtied in a retrograde pattern for the past four months. This week, all hell breaks loose as the planet of mischief redirects. Your luck explodes as does any area in need of push Out. Get the point comrade?

### ARIES

MARCH 21 - APRIL 20

If the past four months has seen the four walls close in on you, expect a blast when Jupiter redirects. Will you move or simply change the dynamic of your current personal space? Rainbow Rams are inspired to change their surroundings from tip to top. What changes can you concoct? Hmm. Dumping or donating that green naugahyde bean bag chair may be an excellent start.

### TAURUS

APRIL 21 - MAY 21

Jupiter directs and makes anything you say loud, proud and queer. Good thing too, Gay Bull; you have been hampered by hoof in mouth for the past four months. Your ideas are expansive, wise and earth shattering. Let 'em loose! Choose the time and place to unfurl your manifesto, comrade. You have nothing to lose but your chains and those houndstooth hip huggers.

### GEMINI

MAY 22 - JUNE 21

Proud Twins suddenly feel flush when direct Jupiter opens the till. Financial problems suddenly become solvable and retirement is not as much of a mirage as it once seemed. Put this lucky surge to work in making your money molehill into a huge mountain. That means doing your fiscal homework and keeping your eye on the bottom line. Hmm, You have some nice assets!

### CANCER

JUNE 22 - JULY 23

Jupiter redirects and makes you feel like the pride of the pack. And why not? All eyes are upon you and you have nothing to fear by strutting your stuff. It withstands the scrutiny of the prodding crowd. People you meet now will prove to be valuable contacts in future endeavors so don't hide in your shell, pink Crab. The scene is boiling hot. Jump in and get on the menu.

### LEO

JULY 24 - AUGUST 23

Luck pops out of nowhere and saves your ass. Proud Lions have a guardian angel with a Sherman tank thanks to direct Jupiter. Evildoers are crushed and their nasty designs, dashed. So how can you best thank the heavens for all this good karma? By getting involved in Gay charitable efforts and worthy causes. Hurry; in five months Jupiter finds another hapless soul to help.

### VIRGO

AUGUST 24 - SEPTEMBER 23

Make your moves as jolly Jupiter redirects. Social opportunities widen and your dance card fills to capacity. The proud crowd demands your presence at every opportunity. Queer Virgins should make good use of time and cannot afford to be shy wallflowers. Five months from now you may be sitting at home, munching your stale popcorn and waiting for the phone to ring.

### LIBRA

SEPTEMBER 24 - OCTOBER 23

Manifest your corporate destiny as lucky Jupiter redirects. Set your sights on your target. Your rocket is launched, your palm pilot is on overdrive and your wingtips take off into the stratosphere. Rainbow Libras are given more than a few opportunities to catch the eye of the senior staff and become the next golden child. Will you elevate or detonate, comrade?

### SCORPIO

OCTOBER 24 - NOVEMBER 22

Jupiter goes direct this week and catapults you to far reaching vistas. Proud Scorps are tempted to go global in any way they can either by travel or by cyberspace. Whatever you decide to do, this is the time to get out of your usual skin and explore parts unknown with some wilde, exotic stranger. I strongly suggest exploring parts that respond well to hot oil rubs.

### SAGITTARIUS

NOVEMBER 23 - DECEMBER 22

Even coy Gay Archers cannot help but feel feisty when Jupiter redirects and adds a bit of zip to their doodah. Your engine is revved and you quickly pull into overdrive. What can you do to fill your tank? You better hurry up with some creative solutions, cousin. In five months Jupiter moves on and so will your racing desires. Don't run out of gas before you reach the finish line.

### CAPRICORN

DECEMBER 23 - JANUARY 20

Relationships suddenly seem to improve. Better send a warm thank you note to Jupiter which redirects and repairs any frayed connections. Single Gay Caps can use the next five months to seek and conquer. Committed Gay Caps can revive or revise. Whatever you decide to do, make sure that the end result is something and someone you can live with.

### AQUARIUS

JANUARY 21 - FEBRUARY 19

This is no time to be lazy Aquerius. Jupiter redirects and pours on the energy to get into shape. Even a meager effort at the gym pays out a big reward. Perhaps you can huff and puff around a randy band of megalunks to increase the oomph? Increase is Jupiter's middle name so be extra careful in the dessert department unless, of course, you happen to be the dessert.

### PISCES

FEBRUARY 20 - MARCH 20

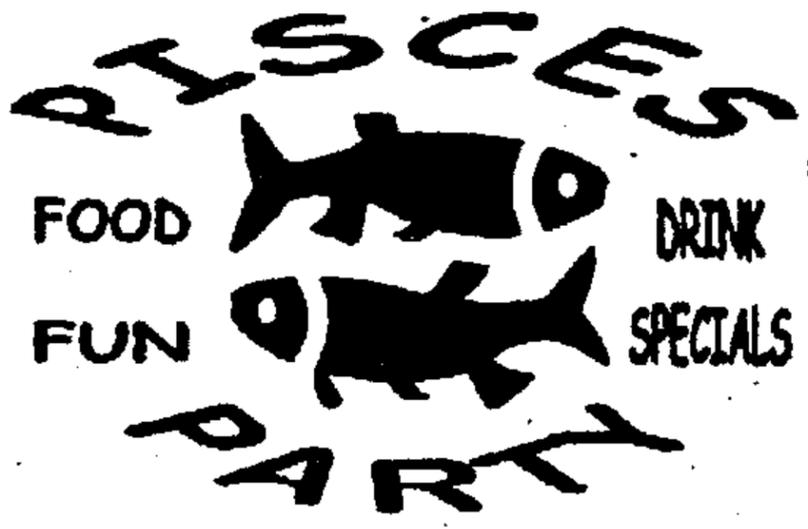
How much fun can a Guppie have? As Jupiter redirects, you will be surprised at your increased capacity for all sorts of delightful pastimes. Your luck is also highlighted so take a calculated risk and see what happens. Eat, drink and be merry, little elf but try to take things in moderation. Jupiter has a tendency to take things to the Outer limits. On second thought, go for it!

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**'Art In Space'**

One of the most visually interesting and aesthetically pleasing public spaces in Tucson is the area bounded by the University of Arizona Art Museum and four or five equally undistinguished buildings at Speedway and Olive. Strange that such a jumble of unprepossessing architecture, whose blandness is relieved only by the quaintly charming Holsclaw Recital Hall, could combine to create a spiritual oasis.

This high traffic area with a stream of humanity flowing through it to walk under Speedway to a major parking facility is best appreciated on a Sunday afternoon when, for minutes on end, you can have the entire few acres to yourself.

The treatments of the area's steep contours are simple and clean, the landscaping is minimal, and most of the sculpture that ornaments the space is graceful and playful. But the strongest unifying design element is, whether by actual design or by chance, the absence of earthly horizons. Above the ring of buildings you don't see mountains or more distant buildings; you just see sky. In the quiet emptiness of a Sunday afternoon, like being on an island afloat in the heavens.

Another good reason to make your visit on Sunday is that all three museums are open.

From now until March 24th, the UA Museum of Art is having a retrospective of the paintings of Bruce McGrew (1939-1999). McGrew is frequently called "an important Western artist," although "important artist" seems redundant and the work in this show is not especially Western. The artist's smaller watercolors are unfortunately and comically reminiscent of paint by number sets. His large figurative works are so substantially fleshy that you might want to jump on the bodies depicted. But the large abstract landscapes are the joy of the show.

"Romero Canyon" is a reckless spiritual explosion whose voluptuousness is balanced by a composition of comforting stability. "Apache Peak," another breathtaking achievement, could be described with exactly the same phrase. Both works are big emotional blasts grounded in very stable compositions. Looking at them is like eating your cake and still having it.

Even McGrew's strikeouts are admirable. An untitled abstract landscape hanging right next to "Romero Canyon" is a brave swing for the bleachers that results in a hopeless muddle, a piece that can't get started in any direction.

The Joseph Gross Gallery is right next door to the UA Museum of Art. Its offerings on February 24th were beneath criticism but it frequently features the work of students and that fact is ample justification for its existence.

The third gallery is that of the "Center for Creative Photography." It's always difficult to read those audacious words in metal on the building's facade without muttering, "I'll be the judge of that." Great to have a center that treats photography as the art that it can be, but over the years this center's exhibits have been pretty consistently mediocre. The present "Prison Terms" purports to deal with "the prison experience" and proves, if proof be needed, that an interesting subject

does not necessarily result in interesting images.

The Center has a very good library that would take many Sundays to explore.

The UA Museum has a good permanent collection, most of which cannot be displayed for lack of wall space. Many years ago the Museum foolishly accepted a large collection with the provision that the whole lot of it would be on display at all times in perpetuity. It was a disasterly dumb decision, but that's another story.

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

**Commentary**

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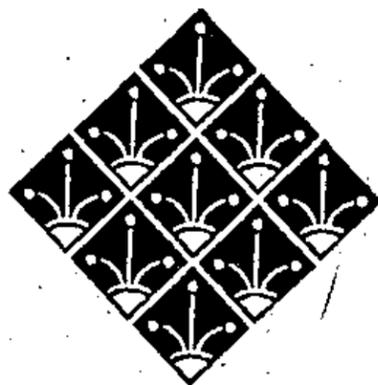
We are giving you this information for several reasons. First, we feel that it is important that the community understand the history of your Pride organization and what it is doing for you. We want the community to understand that yes, TLGA was once a political and activist organization in addition to producing the Pride. Other organizations have developed. We have narrowed the scope of what TLGA does. We are blessed in Tucson that we have many organizations that have stepped up to address the many issues and concerns that face the GLBT community.

When you think that 15 board members work year-round to produce a party for 9000 people in October, organize 10 days of activities for Pride Week and sponsor and promote Gay West, I think you can understand why we must keep focused on these activities.

Due to input from the community TLGA has changed our name to better define what we do. Our new name is "Tucson Pride Inc." We will also continue to develop more cultural and educational opportunities during Pride Week as well as "OUToberFEST." We are working also on developing a better relationship with our elected officials and politicians and developing venues in which they can address the GLBT community.

We invite you to visit our new web site at <http://www.tucsonpride.com>, for information on upcoming events, volunteer opportunities, sponsorship information and much more. If you have any suggestions or comments or if you would like to be involved with your Pride organization please give us a call at the Pride Line at (520) 622-3200 or email us at [tiga@tucsonpride.com](mailto:tiga@tucsonpride.com).

[Dana Young is the president of TLGA, now Tucson Pride Inc.]



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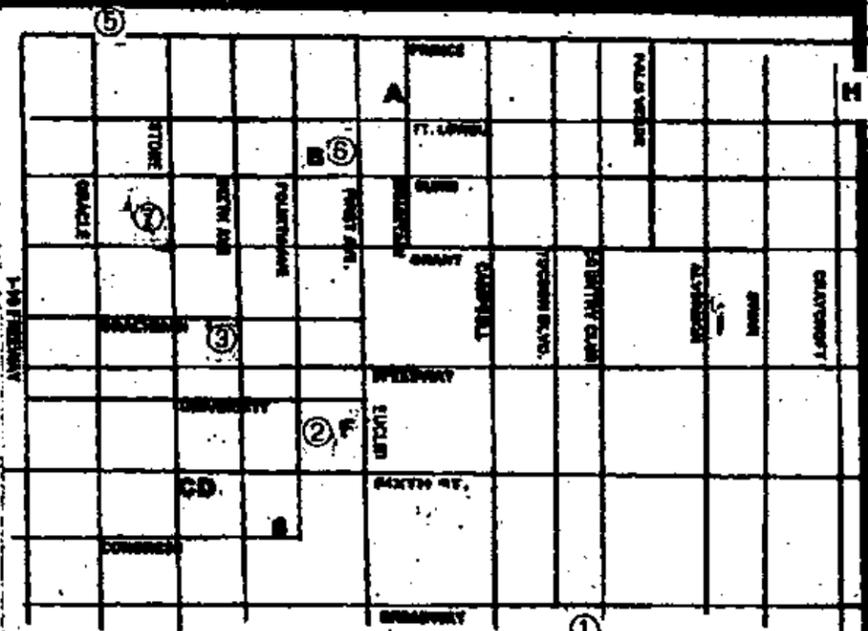
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Dear Dr X:

Here is my problem! I was in a relationship for over a year. We broke up about four months ago and for some reason we keep hooking up and messing around. We hang out and sleep together for a few days and then we don't talk for a week.

It gets even more complicated. We frequent the same bar and there are times when I walk in and he's talking with another guy and I have to leave before I get jealous. Also I won't flirt with guys when he's around. What should I do?

Signed,  
Frustrated

Dear Frustrated:

You have to remember you are broken up. You need to get on with your life. It seems like you have invested a lot into this relationship, I don't know if you were living together but a breakup is a breakup. I don't know the cause of your breakup, but if the sex was good and it was your emotions that were the cause of the breakup I'm not surprised that you're still hooking up for sex.

In a community this size you are going to run into him. It's a no brainer that he's going to be flirting and maybe hooking up. Regardless of what he is doing, you need to take some time and be careful. I wouldn't jump into another relationship too soon and I would avoid 'one-night stands' until your mental state is a little more stable. Remember that this is not going to kill you. You are going to get over it. It will take some time, so hang in there.

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Dear Dr X:

I want to start getting pierced but have heard that some piercings take forever to heal. I want my tongue, nipples and penis done. Any idea how long these take to heal? I hope it's not long, as I would hate to not be able to have sex while I heal.

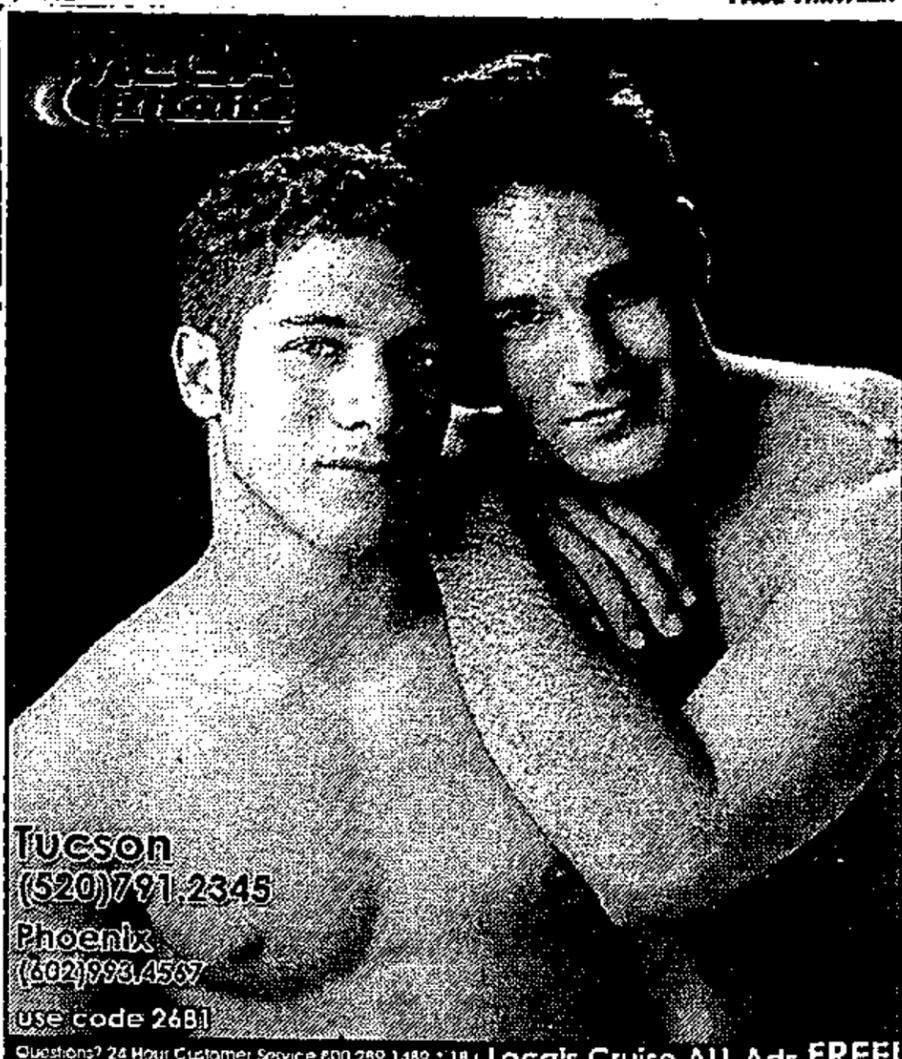
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Dear Impatient Piercer:

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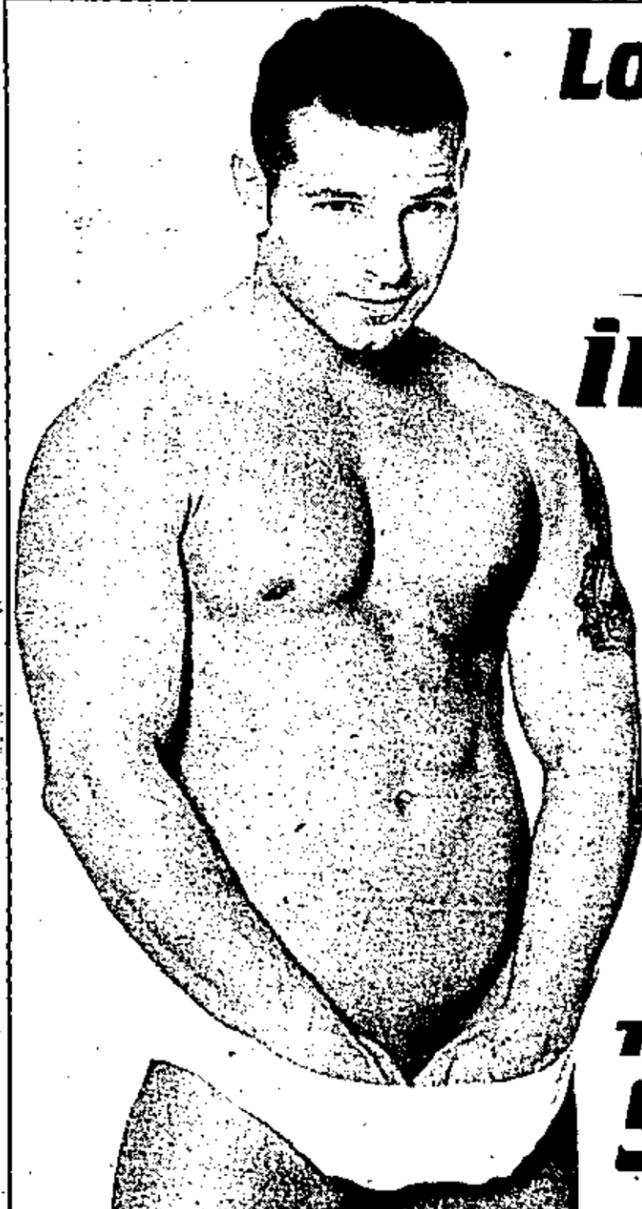
Healing time varies from place to place, and from person to person. You can expect about 4-6 weeks for a tongue piercing, 2-6 months for a nipple piercing, and 3-6 months for most male genital piercing. Remember that your piercing is an open wound and activities like swimming, hot tubs, or trips to the beach, right after you get pierced, can cause infections. So if you engage in these activities follow the directions given to you and keep your piercing clean.

You also need to avoid oral sexual contact for 4-6 weeks after a tongue piercing to avoid infections. This also includes French kissing. Follow the instructions given to you and remember you just had a piece of metal put through your body so be kind and give your piercing adequate time to heal. When you are ready to have sex use



a condom and lube. Be extra-careful because a piercing can cause a condom to tear. Have fun.

[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, 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 680-6565.

The City of Tucson's GLBT Commission will hold a forum today at 7:00 p.m. at Wingspan, 300 E. 6<sup>th</sup> 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.

A men's fellowship group will meet at Water of Life MCC ever Thursday evening from now on at 7:00 p.m. All men are invited to come spend your relationship with God. For directions and info call (520)292-9151.

## 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 680-6565.

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.

March's "Footloose Friday Dance" held at the Water of Life MCC. Lessons offered at 7:30 p.m., the dancing starts at 8:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome. For directions & more info call (520)292-9151. This is an alcohol/chemical-free environment.

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

36<sup>th</sup> Annual Alliance Book Sale 2002. At the Unitarian Universalist Church of Tucson, in Goddard Hall at 4831 E. 22<sup>nd</sup> 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 680-9585.

#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): 1:00-5:00 p.m. Mike and Ted had an afternoon of howling 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. Fl. Lowell Rd., West of Dodge. Phone: 622-1835

## MONDAY, MARCH 11

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 318-1850.

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

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.

## WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13

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 14

Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 1:00 p.m. Join Doug for a Lunch Out at one of Tucson's favorite Mexican eateries: Café Poca Cosa. For reservation, please call Doug at 520-603-0716.

# BAR CALENDAR

OF UPCOMING EVENTS

## WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6

IBT'S - "Diva-Licious" 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 Flak, Miss Reyna, Misti Malone and guests.

## SUNDAY, MARCH 10

IBT'S - 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. K's Dennis and Mike's Recovery Bar. \$1.50 Bloody's, Screws or Minnows. 4:30 - 8:30 Tea Dance on the dance floor with DJ Chris. 4:30 p.m. Karaoke on the Patio with Billy Dee. 5:30 - 8:00 p.m. Benefit Bar-B-Que / Beer Bust for TIHAN. 8:30 p.m. a special fundraiser for Janice Starr, candidate for Miss Gay Tucson America. Show stars Deora Le Blanc (Miss Gay Tucson America 2002), Bunny FuFu (Miss Gay Tucson America 2001), Faith Michaels, Miss Saigon and Stella Virgin).

## WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13

IBT'S - 9:00 p.m. "Diva-Licious" Show starring Lucinda Holiday, Bunny FuFu and Faith Michaels.

## FRIDAY, MARCH 15

IBT'S - Annual "Green Party". 9:00 p.m. with guest DJ Tam Outland. Door Giveaways.

## SATURDAY, MARCH 16

VENTURE-N - 3 to 7pm. Bears of the Old Pueblo Beer Bust. 1239 N. 6th Ave. 520-862-8224. 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! Rodgers corned Beef meal 5:00 to 8:00pm. Give Aways and Drink Specials. Plus - Special benefit show for Katelynn at 8:00 p.m.

JAKE'S - Enjoy a traditional Irish meal here and see what else we have planned for you. Food, fun, drink specials plus give aways.

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

WOODY'S - Corned Beef and Cabbage feed 5:00 p.m. until ??? plus drink specials and green volleyball!

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

IBT'S - 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue Spring Street Fair. Sows Saturday 3:00 p.m. \$2.00 Cover. Sunday, 3:00 p.m. \$2.00 Cover, and 9:30 p.m. \$2.00 Cover.

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.

## FRIDAY, MARCH 15

Revelle Gay Men's Chorus Presents "The Sound of New Music", their first full concert of contemporary choral music. The concert will premier their commissioned piece featuring the text of Arizona poet Alberto Rios and the music of Ted Owens. Music of the 20<sup>th</sup> century with messages of diversity, awareness and acceptance. 8:00 p.m. at Pima Community College Center for the Arts. Tickets \$15 in advance and \$18 at the door. Ticket Line (520) 577-5525. Tomorrow too.

## SATURDAY, MARCH 16

Revelle Gay Men's Chorus Presents "The Sound of New Music", their first full concert of contemporary choral music. (See above for more info). 8:00 p.m. at Pima Community College Center for the Arts. Tickets \$15 in advance and \$18 at the door. Ticket Line (520) 577-5525.

Tucson Prime Timers 12:00 Noon Lunch/Business Meeting, Home Town Buffet, 5101 N. Oracle Rd., North of River Rd. Phone: 622-1835

Tucson Prime Timers Food & Drinks - 5:00 P.M. Woody's, 3710 N. Oracle Rd., North of Prince Rd. Phone: 622-1835

## SATURDAY, MARCH 17

Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 1:00 p.m. Join Maurice for a tour of the Tucson Museum of Art. He'll guide you through the latest exhibits and answer questions about art. For more information, please contact Maurice at 323-2293.

## MONDAY, MARCH 18

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

## TUESDAY, MARCH 19

The 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Arizona Human Rights Foundation (AHRF) Tucson membership gathering at Botanical Gardens. AHRF will be presenting the 2002 award to Janet Napolitano for her outstanding service to the Tucson GLBT community. Last year over 175 people attended the most successful Tucson Membership Event ever. As an affiliated organization of the AHRFund, the AHRFoundation engages in research and provides public education and programming to secure, protect, and defend the rights and welfare of Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgendered people. For more details call (520)690-5161.

## WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20

Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 1:00 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 318-1850.

# Daily Bar Calendar

## Monday

ANT 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 Bloody's, Screws or Minnows. Benefit B-B-Q and Beer Bust for community organizations 5:30-8pm. Karaoke with Billy Dee on the patio 4:30-7:30. 8:30 shows or special events or 18 energy dancing. (Call for details). All drink specials not available during special events. JAKE'S - Open 11am daily. 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, Minnows; \$3/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

ANT NOBODY'S BIZ - Happy Hour Two-For-One 2-7. Football Madness \$1.75. 75¢ drafts 8 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" nite. \$1 off all drinks (except draft beer/shots) 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. 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. Trivia Thursday 8pm-close plus 50¢ off all Big Aes drinks. Top score on NTN per game wins special prizes. Volleyball Court is Open. See bartender. YARD DOG - Open daily 6am. 50¢ off any Bourbon til 7pm. Kennel open daily at 5pm.

## Wednesday

ANT NOBODY'S BIZ - Happy Hour 2-4-1 from 2-7. Beer Bash \$1.25 Pitchers Bud/Bud Light 8-close. Dance music 9-close. IBT's - 9am to 4pm. \$2.00 domestic beer & well. Happy Hour \$1.75 well & domestic 4-9pm. Yee'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 Hilarity Dance 9pm to close w/DJ-Q. JAKE'S - Open 11am daily. 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. Martini Party - Well Martini's \$2.00 all day. Call Martinis \$3 from 4pm to close. Volleyball Court is Open. Patio Bar Open 7pm - midnight. YARD DOG - Open daily 6am. 50¢ off any Gin until 7pm. Kennel open daily at 5pm.

## Thursday

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

**GLSEN - Gay, Lesbian and Straight Education Network** meets first Thursday of every month at 4:30pm at Wingspan, 300 E. 6<sup>th</sup> 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. Piodler in attendance every meeting and willing to speak one on one. Reaching out to Parents and Families. For more info call Doc or Barbara 293-8624.

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**LUTHERANS CONCERNED** - Tucson chapter for Gay/Lesbian Lutherans meets 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday, 6:30 p.m. each month at Santa Cruz Lutheran Church, 6309 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, 3269 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 TS, TG, and Gender-varient communities of Arizona. Website URL: http://www.tgnatizona.org - e-mail address: sigoodrum@uswest.net.org

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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 575-8660 or write P.O. Box 36264, Tucson, AZ 85740-8264. All replies confidential.

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

YOUNG AND GAY?

**GLBT Youth 23 and under**, meet every Saturday in Tucson for sharing, support and information. Meetings are held at 300 E. 6th Street from 3 to 4:30 pm. You are not alone. For more info call Wingspan, 624-1779.

The **TUCSON Chapter of PRIME TIMERS WORLDWIDE** invites Gay or Bisexual men and their admirers to join and share Prime Timers fellowship. We welcome mature men (and admirers) who wish to become involved with planned and future Prime Timers activities. Meetings luncheons and dinners are held monthly. For dates, times and information call 528-8344, leave name and phone number.

**TUCSON GAY INFORMATION AND REFERRAL**. For information on human service organizations, health and mental health services, financial and government assistance, emergency services such as food and shelter, education, etc. Call information and referral 661-1794 - 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), 6:00 p.m. Information 624-1779.

**SUPPORT GROUP**: Gays, Lesbians and Bisexuals meet weekly for open discussions in a loving, supportive atmosphere. Meetings Thursdays from 7:30 to 9:30 pm at St. Francis in the foothills Church, Swan and River Road, Room 43. For more information call the church at 299-9063 and ask for a contact person.

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

**GREATER PHOENIX GAY & LESBIAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE (GPOCC)** P.O. BOX 2097, Phoenix, AZ 85001-2097. E-mail: webmaster@gpoccc.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.

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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, 2840 E. Thomas, Phoenix. Ellie 561-6850 or Ronn 868-2364.

**CHRISTIAN SCIENCE GROUP** - Outreach to Gay and Lesbian people in Arizona. Meets monthly. Write to P.O. Box 883, Phoenix, AZ 85001 or call Eddy Waters, (602)371-1102

**CRONES 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 6:30-9:00 p.m. at Cornerstone Fellowship Social Hall, 2902 N. Greenlmo (near 1st Ave. and Leguans). Open to All. Call Liz at 325-9486 or Ray at 749-5247.

**LIGHTNING LIGHTING** will provide lighting for AIDS and related benefits at no charge. For more info call Adrienne at 669-7288.

**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 578-9827 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 6:30 to 9:30pm at Armary 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, 3269 N. Mountain. All alcoholics welcome.

**MEN'S SOCIAL NETWORK**: Social organization for men of all ages. Building an extended Gay family in Tucson. Monthly social potluck gatherings the first Saturday of each month and almost weekly social activities. Call Jerry at 690-8585 for information and a newsletter. Check the Non-Bar Calendar in the Observer.

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

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

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

**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 681-4562 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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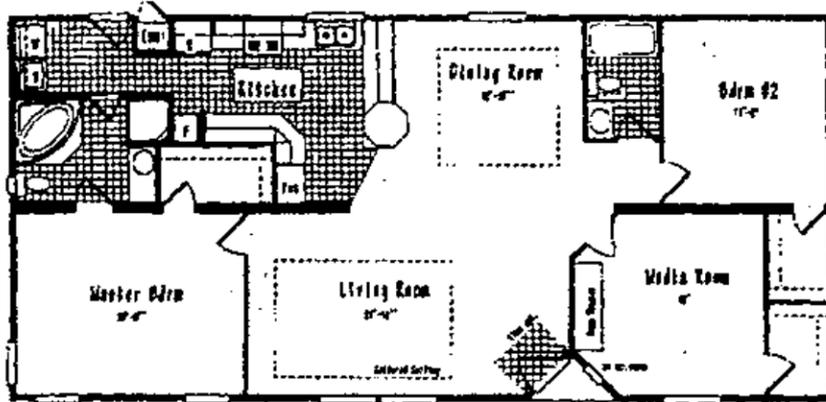


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## Palm Springs Declares Zero Tolerance For Drugs And Sex At Gay Event

PALM SPRINGS, CA - The city of Palm Springs, Calif., host for two of the biggest Gay events of the year, has declared a "zero-tolerance" policy toward illegal drug use and public sex, according to a report in the Palm Springs Desert Sun.

This year's White Party - an all-night dance event for men - scheduled for Easter weekend, March 30-31, falls on the same dates this year as the Dinah Shore Weekend, a women's golf tournament and party. Together, the two events could bring the largest Gay and Lesbian crowd ever to the city of Palm Springs.

But while both events are good for local business and tourism dollars, the White Party comes with a history of controversy. Last year more than a dozen men overdosed on drugs and two others were cited for having sex in public.

Palm Springs Mayor Will Kleindienst said he wasn't sure the event should be held in the Palm Springs Convention Center again. While Kleindienst relented, he says he is still worried about illegal activity at the event, which is being held at the Palm Springs Convention Center and area hotels.

"My concern is the illegal use of drugs at a city-owned public facility," he said. "The city can be liable if someone gets hurt."

Palm Springs police chief Lee Weigel said, "We've made additional requirements to try to make the party more drug-free." Fliers will be posted warning people that drugs are illegal. And unlike previous years, police will have a no-tolerance policy, said Weigel. Those who overdose will be arrested, according to Weigel.

## Alabama Judge

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"A judge is supposed to rule according to the laws based on the statutes set forth by the legislature and the state constitution," Holmes said. "But [Moore] has based his judgement on his personal and religious opinions, which is prohibited. Nowhere in Alabama law does it say that homosexuality or being Gay or a Lesbian is evil. The evidence will show that he needs to be removed from office."

The Judicial Inquiry Commission has 10 days to serve copies of the complaints to Moore and to acknowledge receipt to the complainants. The nine-member panel of judges, attorneys and laypersons then has 42 days to decide whether an investigation is necessary; if no decision is made, the complaint is null and void, said Margaret Childers, executive director of the commission.

"If they decide to investigate, the judge will be immediately notified and periodically updated on the process," Childers said. "The complainants will not be similarly notified unless the commission decides to bring charges in Judicial Court. The details of the investigation are completely confidential between the commission and the judge, and in fact we can't even verify if a complaint has been received."

By law, the commission will never make a public statement about the investigation unless the judge requests it, Childers said. The hearing becomes public informa-

tion if charges are filed and the case goes before the state Judicial Court, a special court outside the regular criminal and civil court systems.

Moore's written statement that calls Gays "abhorrent" constitutes evidence that he cannot impartially perform his duties and should step down or be unseated, Nevins said.

A spokesperson from Moore's office told the AP that the judge has no intention of stepping down.

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that TIHAN volunteers began adding up the proceeds of the auction. This year's ambitious goal was \$50,000, twenty thousand more than just last year. With last minute contributions still dribbling in, TIHAN has announced that they have taken in over \$51,000, making it the most successful fundraising event in TIHAN's history. "Thanks to the help of many people, this year's auction was unbelievably wonderful, and exceeded our every expectation," commented Auction Co-Chair Dr. Myron Morris.

"I have to admit that I am amazed at what a success it was!" said Scott Blades, TIHAN's Executive Director. "Putting together an event of this magnitude takes months of work, it takes hundreds of people, it takes thousands of hours, and it takes untold patience and perseverance. The co-chairs of this year's auction—Bertie Lozano, Myron Morris, and Barbara Smith—did an incredible job to pull this all together, with the help of literally hundreds of volunteers and donors. We are blessed to have such generous support of our work, allowing TIHAN to continue to provide important quality services to people infected and affected by HIV/AIDS."

The Tucson Interfaith HIV/AIDS Network (TIHAN) is a coalition of congregations from all faiths committed to an informed, compassionate response to HIV/AIDS: preventing the spread of HIV infection, providing compassionate care for those infected and affected, and catalyzing the religious community to provide an informed and compassionate response to the AIDS crisis facing our families.

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was their fault for not attending to (Whipple).

"And now in court was one of the most shocking questions I've ever heard," he said. "I think it shows exactly what the defense in this case is about - don't take responsibility for yourself, blame everybody but yourself."

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