

## GOP Lawmakers

### Mark HIV+ Muppet

WASHINGTON, DC - The decision by "Sesame Street" producers to introduce an HIV-positive Muppet on the South African version of the show has raised the ire of a handful of congressional Republicans in the United States.

At last week's International AIDS conference in Barcelona, Spain, the show's producer announced the new character would be introduced in South Africa in September, with a possibility of bringing a similar HIV-positive character to the program in the United States.

On Friday, July 12, six Republicans on the House Energy and Commerce Committee rushed a letter to the president of the Public Broadcasting Service (PBS), which airs the show, voicing their concerns:

"According to the Sesame Workshop, the average age demographic for 'Sesame Street' in the United States is children 2 to 4 years of age. We are concerned that what may be fitting for viewers of 'Sesame Street' in South Africa (which reportedly has the most HIV-infected people of any nation in the world), may not be appropriate for children in the United States, especially in such a very early age group," the lawmakers said.

The letter, obtained from the Gay and Lesbian political organization the Log Cabin Republicans, made a veiled threat at PBS' funding:

"As you know, in the United States, 'Sesame Street' is broadcast by the Public Broadcasting Service (PBS), which receives federal tax dollars through the Corporation for Public Broadcasting (CPB), over which the House Energy and Commerce Committee has jurisdiction. ... How much public money is dedicated to the 'Sesame Street' series as well as this particular project that the Sesame Workshop has recently undertaken?"

Log Cabin Republicans reacted angrily to the letter, saying the statements should not be construed as a reflection of how all Republicans think.

"I can't think of a more idiotic letter to be sent at a time when the Bush administration and the Congress have never been more engaged in the fight against AIDS," said Kevin Ivers, public affairs director for the Log Cabin Republicans. "For this small group of people to write such a petty letter and give this incredibly important issue such a trivial tone is shocking. This letter is ridiculous, and Republicans have a right to be angry about it," he told the *Gay.com/PlanetOut* Network.

The letter was signed by Rep. W.J. "Billy" Tauzin, R-La., chairman; Rep. Joe

Barton, R-Texas; Rep. Richard Burr, R-N.C.; Rep. Charles "Chip" Pickering, R-Miss.; Rep. Cliff Stearns, R-Fla.; and Rep. Fred Upton, R-Mich.

Ivers said he was told that at least one of the lawmakers who signed the letter was unaware of its contents and did not see the final text of the letter.

"The committee people have defended the letter, saying it was designed to remind PBS while appropriate for South Africa, it's not appropriate for the U.S. I would disagree. HIV is no different than cancer to a 2-year-old or 4-year-old, and adults are the ones who give it a stigma," Ivers said. "The bottom line here is you're talking about children who are suffering, and these people (at 'Sesame Street') want to help people who are suffering," he said.

The Human Rights Campaign (HRC) also called the letter a disappointment.

"I would think we would be past this, but some members of Congress refuse to realize the global aspects of this disease and the different communication mechanisms needed to educate people about it," HRC's David Smith told the *Gay.com/PlanetOut.com* Network. "It's unclear what legislative action if any that this letter would lead to. It could be the rantings of conservative members of Congress just to appease their special-interest lobby groups," he said.

Calls to both Rep. Tauzin's office and Sesame Street Workshop were not returned.

### AIDS Achilles Heel Reportedly Found

BARCELONA, Spain - In what international researchers are hailing as one of the most significant AIDS research breakthroughs of the past several years, British researchers have discovered a genetic weakness in HIV that some are describing as its "Achilles heel."

Newsday reports the discovery centers on an obscure HIV gene that suppresses the ability of the virus to infect cells and reproduce. The findings, which appear in this week's issue of the British journal *Nature*, hold promise for bold new treatment and vaccine advances.

Dr. Michael Malim of Kings College in London has reportedly been studying the gene, dubbed *vif*, for more than a decade. The role of the mysterious gene isn't completely understood, but when viruses lack it, or have a defective form of it, they are unable to infect other human

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## Clinton, Mandela Close AIDS Conference

BARCELONA, Spain - Former U.S. President Bill Clinton and former South African President Nelson Mandela announced they were starting a world leader organization to fight AIDS.

Speaking at the closing ceremonies of the 14th International AIDS Conference in Barcelona, Spain, Clinton stressed that AIDS is not only a global medical crisis, but a huge threat to the world's political and economic stability.

"We cannot lose the war on AIDS and win our battles to reduce poverty, promote stability, advance democracy and increase peace and prosperity," Clinton said to a packed audience. "That's why every citizen on our small planet has a personal interest in fighting AIDS."

Clinton, the advisory board chair of the International AIDS Trust, said he and Mandela are launching the World Leaders AIDS Action Network to spotlight areas of the world that are the most stricken by HIV/AIDS.

Mandela, the honorary co-chair of the International AIDS Trust, spoke of the developing world's need for increased access to life-saving drugs, and warned that increasing rates of infection would leave the world with a generation of AIDS orphans. There are currently 14 million children, mostly in Africa, who have lost parents to AIDS.

"We must find ways and means to make life-saving treatment available to all who need it. If parents with AIDS can be given a few more years, then their children will be given a much better opportunity for nurturing, survival and development," Mandela said.

He added, "AIDS is killing more people than all the wars and national disasters put together."

According to the Associated Press, Clinton said the United States should increase HIV/AIDS spending by nearly \$2 billion, which works out to be "less than two months of the Afghan war, less than 3 percent of the requested increase of defense and homeland security budgets." (This year's U.S. pledge to the United Nations' global AIDS fund is one-tenth that amount.)

Clinton and Mandela closed a conference that was marked with some bright signs of optimism amid sobering realities as the global AIDS epidemic rages on. Despite reports of two new potential AIDS vaccines and new treatments to fight drug-resistant HIV strains, warnings about increased rates of infection in places like China and the former Soviet Union tempered enthusiasm.

Currently only 1 percent of people with AIDS in the developing world actually get treatment, despite recent programs by drug companies to make their expensive products more available. African nations with high rates of HIV/AIDS infection could lose 25 percent of their workforces within a generation.

Money to fight AIDS is still slow to come in, despite an announcement by Germany during the conference to add \$50 million to the U.N. Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria. The developed world, which gives just under \$3 billion a year in global AIDS treatment and prevention funding, needs to at least triple its donations to effectively fight the disease, U.N. officials say.

The 15th International AIDS Conference will be held in 2004 in Bangkok, Thailand.

## Gore Vidal Pulls No Punches On Bush

NEW YORK, NY - Gore Vidal's newest book, *Perpetual War for Perpetual Peace: How We Got to Be So Hated*, calls George W. Bush a "mindless" clown who's destined to leave office as "the most unpopular president in history," reports the *New York Post's* Page Six.

"Americans have no idea of the extent of their government's mischief," says Vidal, adding that the war in Afghanistan was not about terrorism but rather "an imperial grab for energy resources" designed to profit American oil companies. "Some people say they support Bush because he blew up all those funny-sounding cities," Vidal tells *L.A. Weekly*, "[but] that doesn't mean they like him. Mark my words...The junta has done too much damage."

Vidal, 76, also writes that the U.S. government is a "source of evil" and says of Bush's famous "axis of evil" quote: "He doesn't even know what the word 'axis' means...This is about as mindless a statement as you could make." Regarding the 2000 presidential election, the writer notes, "The current junta in charge of our affairs [is] one not legally elected, but put in charge of us by the Supreme Court in the interests of the oil and gas and defense lobbies." White House spokesman Ken Lisius responded, "The president doesn't govern by polls, whether predicted by Mr. Vidal or anyone else. He's focused on winning the war on terrorism, protecting the homeland, and increasing economic security for all hard-working Americans."

# UPDATE

## Richard Heakin Memorial Fund Update

By Mark R. Kerr

TUCSON (ON) - During the weekly meeting, the Heakin Memorial Fund Committee approved the text and the bench for the memorial to be placed in Sunset Park, pending approval by city officials:

### IN MEMORIAM

RICHARD J. HEAKIN, JR.  
October 13, 1954 - June 6, 1976

Richard, a visitor from Lincoln, Nebraska, died in an attack outside a north-side Gay bar. His death galvanized Tucson's emerging Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgender community into action.

Because of their efforts, the Pima Commission on Human Relations expanded Tucson's anti-discrimination ordinance to protect the civil rights of GLBT citizens.

This memorial is placed in gratitude to Richard and to all those who have sacrificed in the struggle to make Tucson a place where everyone can enjoy the freedom to be themselves, regardless of sexual orientation or gender expression.

We hereby commemorate a tragedy that transformed us and our history into a triumph of queer spirit.

"let us bring him to new life in our affection and trust and in new relationships: let us bring ourselves to life in meditating over his youth and how we have only found him and us by losing him." - Will Inman

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The Richard Heakin Memorial Fund Committee, a loosely based organized group, who had began meeting in May of this year, wants to make sure there is a permanent physical and virtual memorial for Heakin, a young Gay college student brutally murdered outside the Stonewall Tavern, 2921 N. First Avenue, June 6, 1976.

After the installation of the physical memorial, a concrete or marble bench at Sunset Park, north of City Hall, with an engraved marble pedestal in front of the bench, the committee will disband but one or two people will maintain the Web site. She added that the goal of the effort is to raise \$5,000 to cover the costs of the pedestal, bench, and Web site set up/maintenance. As of this writing, \$2,170 had been collected.

The committee wants to have the monies raised, and the pedestal and bench done by OUToberFest, being held October 12 this year - the anniversary date of Matthew Shepard's death and the day before Heakin's birthday.

Contributions can be made out to "Tucson Pride Inc." (the committee's fiscal agent), and must be clearly designated for the "Heakin Memorial." None of the monies raised will be donated to Tucson Pride, Inc. Checks and money orders can be sent to Tucson Pride, Inc., P.O. Box 40301, Tucson, AZ 85717.

The next meeting of the Committee will take place, Saturday, July 27, 10:00 a.m., at the Rainbow Planet Coffeehouse, 606 North Fourth Avenue.

## Miss Gay Arizona America 2003 Pageant

TUCSON - The Miss Gay Arizona America 2003 Pageant is being held at the Innsuites Hotels, Tucson Suite Hotel and Resort, 475 N. Granada, Saturday, July 27. Sponsored by IBT's, Woody's, Unique on Central and Pookie's the evening will be hosted by Lucinda Holliday, Barbra Seville and Truly Fabu. The event begins at 7:00 p.m.. Sabrina White, Miss Gay America 2002 will perform as will Angela Dodd, Miss Gay Arizona America 2002 and special guest Patti La Plae Safe. Tickets are available from the show's promoter, Lucinda Holliday (520)327-1576 and at the door. Remember, it's not just another pageant - it's a Party!

### Position Available At TIHAN

By Mark R. Kerr

TUCSON (ON) - The Tucson Interfaith HIV/AIDS Network (TIHAN) has an opening on their staff, due to the retirement of Jim Valiton, the longtime administrative assistant, which takes effect, August 31.

TIHAN hopes to find a qualified individual to succeed Jim, and also have Valiton train his successor to the post, for which the Administrative Assistant oversees the daily operations and office volunteer staff for a smaller not-for-profit organization; reports to the Executive Director, and serves as the administrative support coordinator for the paid and volunteer staff in providing quality services to TIHAN CarePartners, volunteers, donors, and the general public by utilizing and coordinating volunteers to the greatest extent possible, and by being responsible for the areas listed below.

The Administrative Assistant position is a full-time position. AA/EOE. Annual salary is up to \$21,840 depending on experience, plus benefits. To receive a copy of the job description, contact TIHAN, (520) 299-6647 or employment@tihan.org. To apply, submit resume and contact information for three professional references to TIHAN, 492 North Ahernon Way, Tucson, Arizona 85711, or via email to employment@tihan.org.

### 4<sup>th</sup> Fridays Continue

TUCSON - Think Tucson is dead during the summer? At least Fourth Fridays continue at the Presidio Grill on Friday, July 26, from 5:00 to 8:00, with appetizers, cocktails and conversation with other Gay men. And, if you can, bring a friend or two.

Fourth Fridays are a great way to wrap up your week and start the weekend's activities. There is a \$10 cover charge to pay for appetizers. There will be a no host bar. Any cash over the costs of the event will be donated to Wingspan.

For more information, call (520) 624-1779.

## IN MEMORIAM



FRANK J. BELLAFIORE  
October 24, 1938 - July 10, 2002

Frank Bellafiore, 63, was taken from us on July 10. Loved by many, he is survived by his children, Joe and Alice, sister, Kitty, and three grandchildren, and beloved friend, John.

A memorial service was held on July 13.

"How dull it will be, indeed, without the 'Jersey Lilly'"  
- Ron Jordan :Granny".

### Scholars Question Rationale For Pentagon's G/L Ban

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pokes holes in the military's rationale for prohibiting openly Gay soldiers from serving. "If the CIA can tolerate openly Gay employees in combat situations," Belkin said, "Why can't the Pentagon?"

Since 1995, when President Clinton signed an executive order prohibiting the denial of security clearances "on the basis of the sexual orientation of the employee," the CIA, NSA and FBI have not forbidden openly Gay people from joining their organizations, as the Pentagon does. Since then, employees at both the CIA and the NSA have organized official Gay and Lesbian groups that meet openly, often on the organizations' premises. In 2000, the CIA held a Gay pride celebration at its Langley headquarters, designed to reflect the agency's positive attitude toward sexual minorities.

"The Pentagon continues to insist that homosexuality is incompatible with military service," said Belkin, "but their presence in the current campaign is making that assertion harder and harder to support."

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# As More Intelligence Agents Work With Military Personnel, Scholars Question Rationale For Pentagon's G/L Ban

SANTA BARBARA, CA - With the continued prosecution of America's war against terrorism, the presence of non-uniformed intelligence agents in combat situations is raising new questions about the rationale for the military's ban on openly Gay soldiers.

In interviews conducted recently by the Center for the Study of Sexual Minorities in the Military at the University of California, Santa Barbara, experts on intelligence and military personnel issues said that the war against terrorism has placed intelligence officers - who are not governed by the Pentagon's "don't ask, don't tell" policy - in paramilitary environments. Some analysts have consequently begun to ask why, if intelligence combatants are not fired for revealing their homosexuality, Gay soldiers are still drummed out if their sexual orientation becomes known.

"We have our policy, you'll need to talk to [the intelligence agencies] about theirs," said Lt. Col. James Cassella, a Pentagon spokesman, when asked to explain the military's restrictions on openly Gay soldiers. He said that, though "a service member's sexual orientation is a personal and private matter," the 1993 federal statute barring openly Gay men and women from serving in the armed forces had "determined that homosexual conduct is incompatible with military service."

Though uniformed personnel have always served in intelligence agencies, many of the highly specialized agents

currently conducting logistical, training and intelligence support in Afghanistan are not uniformed soldiers. The most highly publicized of these was Johnny Michael Spann, a 32-year-old CIA officer who became the first American casualty since the U.S. began its bombing campaign last fall. The New York Times reported this weekend that "never before have the traditionally independent military and law enforcement organizations worked so much in concert."

Experts said there were both similarities and differences between intelligence and military operations. R. James Woolsey, the director of the CIA from 1993 to 1995, said that, because the U.S. is engaged in a war in the field against terrorism, "there are going to be a few more paramilitary people in the CIA than there were in the early 1990s." But he distinguished between the organizational structure of the CIA and that of the uniformed services. "Overall," he said, "the agency does not work in small, single-sex groups who are out together for a long period of time in which unit cohesion is an issue." Woolsey explained that the concern for the CIA regarding Gay and Lesbian agents was not unit cohesion, which is the rationale for the ban among uniformed soldiers, but blackmail. During an era when most Gays and Lesbians were not public about their sexuality, their secret, it was argued, might give enemies leverage in obtaining classified information. "In these days and times," however, "now that people admit" their sexual orientation, that rationale is history, Woolsey said. He

recalled that, even when he served, "as far as I was concerned there was no basis at all to discriminate against Gays and Lesbians in the CIA. It's just not a problem for the CIA because of the change in openness about Gays over the last generation." He concluded that, "in these times, it's ridiculous to suggest that [being Gay] is something that would subject someone to blackmail. I see no reason why the CIA should discriminate against Gays at all."

David Rutgers, a 22-year veteran of the CIA, and author of *Creating the Secret State*, said that the war against terrorism has revived the "covert cowboys" who "are often way out there in the fringes of things." After the Cold War ended, he explained, the army increasingly took military roles away from the CIA by conducting "sub-limited warfare" through special forces of its own. But the current war, Rutgers said, "has enabled the CIA to build up its old military cadres a bit."

Rutgers said the military's attitude toward Gays and Lesbians is rooted more in its traditional machismo than in a genuine concern for the combat performance of the armed services. "A lot of this is just hostility to an uncomfortable idea," he said. "The male ego is not a hardy perennial; it's a very delicate flower." He added that out in the field, "these things don't really matter because you're thrown together and everyone has to work together for common survival. What matters is if the man beside you is a good shot. It's when you get back to the barracks and you have too much time on your hands" that antagonism toward sexual

minorities surfaces.

James Bamford, a visiting professor at the Goldman School of Public Policy, University of California, Berkeley, and author of *The Puzzle Palace* and *Body of Secrets*, said the CIA has an entire clandestine service which trains very much like the military. "They live in close quarters, they train to do covert activities, and so on. To that degree, they work in a somewhat paramilitary environment," he said. Agents in covert operations of the CIA, he added, sometimes work in the same foxholes with military personnel on the frontlines.

According to Bamford, "there doesn't seem to be any problem with the intelligence offices accepting Gays." He added that "I've never thought it was very rational to keep them out of intelligence in the first place. He noted that the lifting of the Gay bans in the intelligence communities could serve as a precedent for the relaxing of Gay exclusion rules in the military. "Before, there had always been these worries over compromising classified relationships," he said. "Now, they've found nothing to point to. They have a lot of employees now who are Gay in intelligence and who are working out well."

According to Aaron Belkin, Director of the Center for the Study of Sexual Minorities in the Military at the University of California, Santa Barbara, the presence of intelligence officers - who are technically allowed to be openly Gay - on the battlefield together with uniformed personnel

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## Support For G/L Equality Gaining

ROCHESTER, NY - A solid majority of Americans surveyed in June 2002 expressed support for basic partnership rights for same-sex couples, according to data based on a national survey conducted by Witeck-Combs Communications and Harris Interactive.

The survey finds most of those surveyed strongly support hospital visitation rights and say over a partner's health care in an emergency, while weaker majorities voice endorsement of joint property rights and estate inheritance.

Most of those surveyed (48 percent) also support Social Security survivor benefits for same-sex couples, with 34% opposed and 18% undecided.

When U.S. adults were asked whether same-sex couples should have the following rights and benefits that are provided to legally married couples, Witeck-Combs/Harris reports they gave the following responses:

A full 71 percent support hospital visitation rights for Gay and Lesbian couples; 66 percent support emergency health care authority; 60 percent support joint property rights; 59 percent support estate inheritance laws; and 48 percent of all Americans support Social Security survivor benefits.

Another interesting result of the survey revealed that a full six percent of the randomly selected, nationwide cross section of 2,050 adults self-identified as Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual or Transgender.

Figures for age, sex, race, education, region and income were weighted where necessary to bring them into line with their actual proportions in the population.

The impact of September 11 figured prominently. When asked specifically about the distribution of \$2.3 billion in funds raised for families directly impacted by September 11, most respondents (48 percent) supported giving the same compensation to same-sex couples as to legally married couples.

Just under a third (31 percent) indicated they were opposed, and one in five (21 percent) said they neither supported nor opposed equal benefits for same-sex spouses.

"The term same-sex marriage perhaps remains politicized and controversial," said Bob Witeck of Witeck-Combs Communications. "However, when basic rights of marriage and civil unions are spelled out, it's not so surprising that the American people increasingly favor fairness and equity for all couples, including same-sex unions."

David Krane of Harris Interactive said that certain groups voiced greater support for equal treatment of Gay couples than others. "This is true especially of those who are younger, those who have higher education levels, and women who show more support of same-sex couples having access to the same rights given to legally married couples."

## Woman's Bail Set For \$1 Million In Killing

TUCSON - A woman is being held on \$1 million bail after reportedly telling authorities she killed a man who she said sexually assaulted her three months ago, the Tucson Citizen reported.

Denise Joan Martin, 44, was booked at the Pima County Jail yesterday (Thursday, July 11) on a charge of first-degree murder, a sheriff's spokeswoman said.

A man who was in the Northwest Side home at the time of the killing slept through it, said the spokeswoman, Deputy Nicole Feldt.

Detectives arrested Martin, of the 5200 block of North Tigua Drive, shortly after 7 a.m. yesterday in the slaying of Frank J. Bellafiore, 63. An autopsy is scheduled.

Feldt said it appears Bellafiore sustained "sharp instrument trauma."

"She told detectives she killed him with a knife," Feldt said, adding that a knife was found on Bellafiore's driveway. The knife is to be tested at a state crime lab to determine whether it was used in the killing.

Bail was set for Martin at an initial court appearance. Martin told jail authorities she is an unemployed retail worker.

Detectives have found no record that the woman reported the sexual assault, Feldt said, adding the woman did not say the assault was the reason she allegedly she killed Bellafiore.

A man at Bellafiore's home who identified himself as Bellafiore's brother-in-law said of the sexual assault allegation: "It's not true. She can say anything she wants."

The man declined further comment, saying, "The family doesn't need this right now."

Feldt said the only detail she had on the alleged sexual assault was that it involved an incident in which the woman said her breasts and genitals were groped.

Detectives have not established a motive in the killing, Feldt said.

Martin told detectives she once rented the home where the man was killed and that he had been her landlord.

She said he forced her out of the house when he returned to Tucson from New Jersey about eight years ago, Feldt said.

The man was found dead in the master bedroom before dawn yesterday (Wednesday, July 10), Feldt said, after sheriff's dispatchers got a call at 2:45 a.m.

"A woman called 911 (yesterday) morning and said she had just killed somebody," Feldt said. The woman said the body could be found in Bellafiore's home in the 700 block of West Cresta Loma Drive.

Deputies found the body and called homicide detectives, Feldt said.

The suspect called 911 from her home, about two blocks from the dead man's home, Feldt said.

The woman apparently got into the Bellafiore home through an unlocked door, Feldt said.



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## Catholic League Angry At 'South Park'

LOS ANGELES, CA - The Catholic League for Religious and Civil Rights has condemned an upcoming "South Park" episode for ridiculing the sex abuse scandal plaguing the Catholic Church -- but only for portraying priests as pedophiles instead of homosexuals.

The statement of protest, issued by League President William Donohue, was sent to Comedy Central on July 2 after he and other league members viewed a promotional tape of the episode. The program aired the following evening, July 3.

According to network officials, Donohue was upset because the episode portrays priests as pedophiles instead of homosexuals. "The scandal in the Church is not about priests having sex with prepubescent boys. It is about priests having sex with postpubescent young men. The former is called pedophilia and the latter is called homosexuality.

"If Stone and Parker really had guts, they would do a show on Gay priests. But, of course, like so many other intellectually dishonest elites in our society, they will go to any length to protect homosexuals," he writes.

Like many higher ups in the Catholic Church hierarchy, Donohue betrays his misreading of the scandal by characterizing it as a Gay issue, say theologians. Advocates representing Gay Catholics and the victims of sexual abuse by priests have repeatedly derided Catholic officials on for focusing on the issue of sexual orientation.

David Clohessy of the Survivors Network of Those Abused by Priests said the attempt to shift the focus of the scandal to sexuality, as the Vatican and other church officials attempted to do early on, was evidence of the leadership's reflexive attempt to protect its own.

"Church leaders seem preoccupied with pointing fingers of blame, whether it's at abuse victims themselves or their lawyers or the media," he said. "On that list include Gay priests. If there's blame to be assessed, the bishops need to look squarely in the mirror."

Clohessy said his organization remains focused on the prevention of abuse. "The next priest who gets removed," he said, "should be the one who knew or suspected abuse allegations but did not speak up. In virtually every criminal and civil case we've seen, evidence emerges that one or more priests knew or suspected a child was being molested but chose to remain silent."

## Forum On Transgender Issues For Employers

TUCSON - A free workshop and forum on Transgender Issues for Employers will take place Thursday, August 1, 1:00 to 4:00 p.m., Pantano Room of the Sentinel Building, 320 N. Commerce Park Loop (west of I-10 Freeway, north of Congress off Bonita Street).

Did you know: Gender identity is one of the nine protected classes under Tucson's anti-discrimination ordinance? (Art. II, Sec. 17-1 Human Relations Ordinance). Nationally, over 2200 companies prohibit discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation and/or gender identity (including 167 companies of the Fortune 500)? Many companies have successfully integrated Transgender employees into their workforce, finding that such employees are excellent workers, with high productivity rates and significant company loyalty?

The Transgender Employee: What Arizona Employers Need To Know gives Tucson-area human resource professionals and staff the tools and resources they need to deal fairly with Transgender applicants and employees. Join other human resource professionals from area businesses to learn more about: Gender identity - basic definitions and terms; Bathrooms and sex-segregated facilities; Tucson's anti-discrimination ordinance: What it means for employers; and, Personal profiles and stories of Transgender employees.

Spaces for the session are limited. Reservation deadline for the August 1 session is Tuesday, July 30. To reserve your seat, please call the TGNct Arizona office at (520) 622-4700.

## AIDS Achilles Heel

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cells. HIV that lacks vif can enter cells and make copies of itself, but its progeny are trapped inside the walls, unable to spread and infect other healthy cells.

Malim identified mutant HIVs that had either defective or missing vif gene and compared its chemical make-up to the human genome. He found a match. When defective, the CEM-15 strand, was proven to dramatically reduce the amount of viable viruses produced. The discovery of CEM-15 "is a promising target for drug development," said Malim.

One of many unanswered questions is exactly what purpose CEM-15 normally serves for human beings. "It doesn't look like anything anybody has seen in the [human genome] database, ever," Malim said. "But CEM-15 hasn't just been hanging around in the human genome waiting for HIV to come along."

HIV belongs to the lentivirus family of viruses, which includes a number of pathogens that cause disease. One theory Malim is entertaining is that CEM-15 may be an ancient genetic switch in human DNA, designed to protect humans from this particular class of viruses. HIV stands alone in its capacity to stifle the CEM-15 switch, allowing the virus to wreak its deadly havoc.

Dr. Melissa Farrow of the University of Massachusetts Medical Center told delegates in Barcelona about a patient infected with HIV for more than 20 years who had never received treatment and had never shown any symptoms or signs of illness. The patient was infected with an HIV carrying a defective vif gene.

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## POLITICS 2002

### 'I Have Two Lovers: Fast Forward & Rewind'

It was the state wide political offices, posts for Arizona's Legislature and two county seats up for consideration this year that was on the agenda for the Southern Arizona Stonewall Democrats (SASD) - who is devoted to advancing equal rights for all people regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity and supports the Democratic Party and Democratic candidates who support that mission and for which the Arizona Daily Star still doesn't understand that premise.

Paula Aboud, SASD co-chair, said the organization had sent out a questionnaire to the candidates for many of the political offices and received feedback from other GLBT (Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender) organizations about other Democratic contests.

For the statewide posts, SASD gave their nod to the following Democratic candidates:

Governor - Janet Napolitano; Secretary of State - Chris Cumiskey; Attorney General - Terry Goddard; Treasurer - Ruth Solomon; Superintendent of Public Instruction - Rodney Rich; State Mine Inspector - Ken Hallock; Arizona Corporation Commission (three posts) - George Cunningham and Roland James for the two year posts, and James Walsh for the four year post.

Arizona Legislature - District 27 House - the openly Gay candidate, Jesse George, and either Peter Hormel and Phil Lopes; District 28 Senate - Gabrielle Giffords; District 28 House - Dave Bradley, Ted Downing and Joe Pyritz (all rated acceptable); District 29 Senate - Ramon Valadez; District 29 House - Linda Lopez and Victor Soltero; District 30 House - Mike Langmead.

Pima County - Board of Supervisors, District 5 - Richard Elias; Clerk of the Superior Court - Margaret DiFrank.

According to Aboud, the organization will be making more decisions on the other Pima County races up for consideration shortly. ...

When perusing the daily mail, one will end up getting some bulk rate item with the quote, "You too could be a winner!" urging, pleading that you take part in the oodles of sweepstakes, wasting your time and money with the pipe-dream of seeing your ugly face on the television, getting a big check from Ed McMahon, or a prize patrol who has wrecked the front yard to get ever so close to the door for that "million dollar moment" but recently many individuals in Pima County (about 392,000) got something in their mail.

The item wasn't from Ed McMahon or a clearing house but from the Pima County Recorder's office, with their new voter registration cards enclosed. Thanks to the mess with redistricting and the resulting court challenges and rejection by the U.S. Department of Justice over the proposed political maps, voters finally received their new cards - listing the new Congressional, State Legislative, County Supervisorial, City Ward (for those in Tucson), and School District - listing five of the several political districts displayed on the new cards.

Some people though may not have received a new card because they've either moved or aren't registered to vote, and for those not registered, the clock is ticking.

According to the Arizona Secretary of State's office, the deadline to register to vote for the September 10 primary is Monday, August 12.

Many races will be decided on September 10, including many state legislative races in Pima County, plus the special Pima County Board of Supervisors election in District 5, where the current occupant - Richard Elias, a good friend to the GLBT community and who was appointed earlier this year to the post, succeeding Raul Grijalva, who had resigned to run for Congress, is seeking to serve the remaining two years of the term, so getting to the polls on the second Tuesday in September will be an important task.

For those though who think they're registered and didn't receive a new voter registration card was probably due to a change in their address.

For more information about registering to vote or for those who didn't receive a notification, call the Pima County Recorder's office, (520) 740-4330. ...

Openly Gay state Representative Ed Poelstra, R-Tucson, is still seeking more \$5 "Clean Election" donations. For more information, call the campaign, (520) 318-9097 or E-mail: poelstra2002@aol.com. ...

Recently, openly Gay state House candidate, Jesse George, received a interesting phone call - from The Beehive, Arizona's Mormon newspaper that features Karen Johnson all the time, and who was wondering whether he would be interested in purchasing an ad in the rag. George responded that "they wouldn't print it." ...

Can someone state why there isn't a candidate running against Susan Bacal for Justice of the Peace in JP 87 Bacal was the jurist who mishandled the Franchot Opela case, giving the fire fighter, convicted of assaulting an openly Gay man outside a Tucson restaurant in February 2000, a slap on the wrist, and then stating the defendant - who was in a coma for several days - was a lousy witness. Well? Despite this, an independent bid is still plausible.

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**Laugh It Off**

By Frieda Goodholm

I should have known it would only be a matter of time before they caught up with me.

I've been looking over my shoulder all this time, watching my every step, afraid they could be waiting for me around the next corner I turn.

They know my secret, and they want it...out.

So there I was, sitting in Ajia's chair while she worked my coif. I should have known better than to sit with my back to the door.

All of a sudden, there was a blinding flash, and chaos. I was hit, square in the temple, and I went down, the sound of rat-tat-tat still drumming in my head...the dreaded sound of high heels running across linoleum. And then they fled, just as quickly as they had arrived. I writhed on the floor, reeling from being hit...with a bottle of poppers, hurled like a missile.

This could only be the work of the Gay mafia, the gang recently exposed in Tucson's Weekly Observer.

And this impeccably accessorized crime bore the signature of the Gay mafia's "Donna", David Geffen, and his hench girls, Muffy, Buffy, and Butch. I could imagine the conversation. "Girls, darlings, gather 'round! We have just got to do something about that damn Frieda Goodholm bitch! She is just workin' my last Gay righteous nerve! Can't we, like, make her an offer that she, like, so couldn't refuse? We're going to make her sing like Mariah Carey!"

I feared it would only be days before they would strike me again, and my instincts were right.

Just days ago, rolling over in the

early morning hours, still tucked in my satin sheets, I felt something hairy and disgusting brushing up against my legs at the foot of my four poster bed. Had the lavender mob really gone this far?

The decapitated head of Bette Midler in my bed!

Fortunately, it just turned out to be one of my old rattled out flame red wigs that had oxidized and fallen off the shelf. (Oh, come on, I adore Bette! She would even laugh at that! Or to quote the old girl, "Hiss and boo your own selves!")

False alarm or not, like a lipstick-ed Rizzo Rizzo, I was scared. What could their next strike possibly be? Breaking the leg of those who wear white outside the designated Memorial Day to Labor Day window? (Which I, personally, would applaud) Roughing up the under accessorized? Bombing the cars of those whose shoes don't match their handbags?

When I finally came face to face with the Gay goons, late last night in the dark alley behind the adult bookstore, I knew my time of reckoning had finally arrived. They wanted me to come clean with my dirty secret, the one that has haunted me all these years. Yet, even when staring their ultimate threat in the eye, with loyalty to my beloved readers, I just couldn't squeal. They were, as they said, faced with no other alternative than that well-known mob punishment, the final silencing technique.

Sleeping with the fishes.

But you know, I have to say those ladies down at Ain't Nobody's Biz really are a nice bunch.

And let's just call that Frieda Goodholm's lesson for the week, shall we?

Best, Frieda Goodholm

**GENDER PRIDE**

BY JONI K. MAUSSE

When I couldn't find my column in last week's OBSERVER, I imagined all kinds of reasons why it wasn't there. I was relieved to learn that it was left out by mistake. Then, last Friday, I found myself shaking as I went to the Sentinel Building to say hello to the Bears of the Old Pueblo before their monthly meeting. Really, Joni-Locks, a big girl like you, and still afraid of bears!

I have a recurring nightmare, which I know is shared by many trans-people on both sides of the traffic divider. I'm afraid some day the Gays and Lesbians are going to decide we're such an embarrassment they don't want to be associated with us. And then the whole world will turn against us, and we'll have no place to run but back into the closet, if we can get that far alive.

Things like that have happened in the past. Many states more progressive than Arizona already have Lesbian and Gay anti-discrimination laws, but nothing to protect us. I get almost as many hostile stares from Gays and Lesbians as from straights. And most trannies really are still in the closet—many, I suspect, living in daily fear of being outed.

On the other hand, can you imag-

ine the Gay community without drag shows? Or butch Lesbians letting their hair grow out to make sure they're not mistaken for tranny-boys? Me neither.

"Do you know what it's like," I said to two Gay community leaders, both respectable masculine men with steady partners, "to walk down the street never knowing if people in passing cars will scream obscenities at you, or throw rocks?" Yes," they both replied. "The bigots go after us too." A few weeks later the rocks did fly. We may not understand each other very well, but deep down we've learned we're all in this together. And only by working together can we change things.

Speaking of drag shows, have you bought your ticket to the Miss Gay Arizona America pageant yet? It's on the 27<sup>th</sup> but you can save \$5 if you buy your ticket in advance: [lucindaaholliday@yahoo.com](mailto:lucindaaholliday@yahoo.com). Here's another chance for our whole community to come together.

Please let me know of any upcoming gender-related events in Tucson; [jonikmausse@yahoo.com](mailto:jonikmausse@yahoo.com) Also, I'm looking for a professional photographer and graphic artist to work with on several projects. Thanks, Sweetie; see ya around!

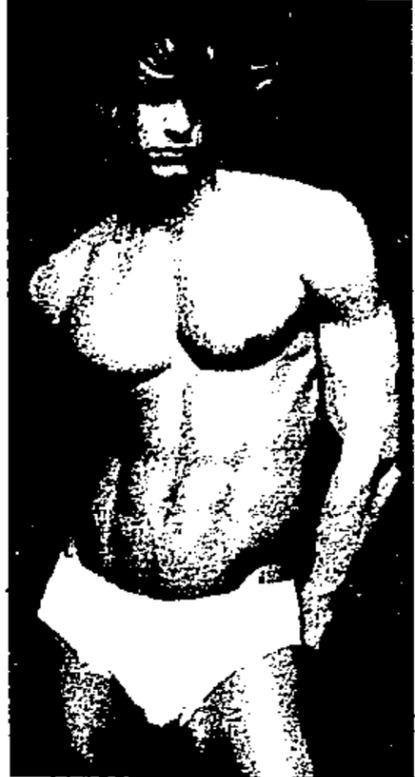


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**NOTES FROM THE FOR-REAL SIDE**  
by Lee Thorn

**'Supersizing Professionalism'**

Is there any one big idea that could move our society forward? Being rich hasn't made us a great society. Being free hasn't. Are we doomed to having a health care system that many can't afford, a legal system that puts innocent folks on death row, an educational system that produces a computer literate but generally illiterate graduate?

new professionalism. Up till now they've taken it as their job to represent the interests of their members as opposed to the interests of society. If their members adopt the new professionalism at the grass roots level, they will force their professional organizations to put the profession's high performance above the interests of individual members.

Somebody once famously said that there's nothing as powerful as an idea whose time has come. Perhaps the idea of professionalism could be our timely one. Not the old tried and true professionalism of the past, but a new professionalism that embraces a responsibility for the performance of one's entire profession at large as well as a responsibility for one's personal performance within it.

Under the old professionalism, organizations of teachers oppose testing teachers to make sure they know the material in their fields. The concept was (and is) that they were protecting individual teachers who were incompetent. Under the new professionalism, these groups would want to test teachers and to get rid of the incompetents to protect the integrity of the profession.

Under the old professionalism a professional has a duty to his individual client, but no duty to the community vis-à-vis the manner in which his profession operates. An example: a journalist in a southwestern city (famous for the length of its non-mechanized rodeo parade) recently told a lawyer practicing in the same city that he, the journalist, intended to put a municipal extortion racket out of business. The lawyer responded, "Don't do that. It'll cost me clients." Under the old professionalism, the lawyer felt obliged to do a good job for a client caught up in a municipal extortion scheme, but he did not feel that he and his fellow lawyers were obliged to put the scheme out of business.

Whew! These big ideas are exhausting!

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We need a new supersized professionalism that makes individual professionals feel responsible for the conduct of their professions as a whole. The family practitioner in South Dakota needs to feel concerned that old ladies in Florida are eating cat food so they can pay for their prescriptions. The corporate lawyer on Wall Street needs to feel concerned that they're executing innocent people in Texas. The prep school teacher in New Haven needs to be concerned that the school roofs are leaking on reservations in Arizona.

The people who are actually practicing a profession are in the best position to know what the profession needs to improve itself. They know more about the day-to-day realities of the profession than administrators know. They know more about the practical limitations on what they can be expected to deliver than their clients know. Now all we have to do is convince them that it's their professional responsibility to apply their knowledge to making the system better.

Consider some alternatives: The status quo persists — nothing works and nobody cares. The status quo continues to degenerate; let's not even think about it. The AMA and other professional organizations step up to the plate; sure, right, but don't hold your breath. For the first time in human history, the politicians step in and fix everything.

To start with the least likely, the politicians are shaped by private groups much more than the other way around. The drug companies, to take an extreme example, are not likely to remove the rings from congressional noses and insert them in the noses of CEOs.

The professional organizations can and should and must be vehicles for reform, but first they have to be re-educated into the

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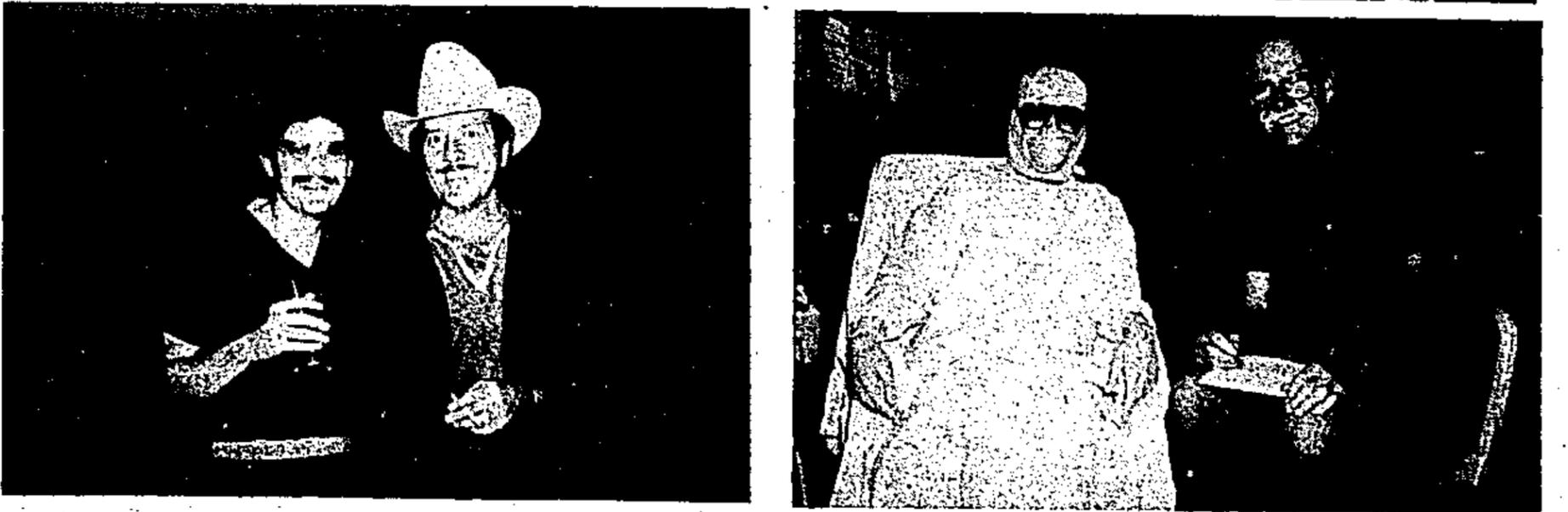
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**LIBRA**  
**SEPTEMBER 24 - OCTOBER 23**  
If you are expecting a bit of quiet time when Mars enters Leo, just forgetaboutit bud. This transit makes you too popular for words. Your attendance is demanded around town and even a few towns over. Queer Libras are sociable souls anyway but now the party mix goes wilde. Plan a few rowdy get-togethers and expand your social circle. Take it from a dot to a sphere.

**ARIES**  
**MARCH 21 - APRIL 20**  
What is it about Gay Rambos that makes them so much fun to be around? I don't know but as Mars cascades into Leo you live up to your rambunctious reputation as party animal extraordinaire. Plan, participate, party on, pardner. Mars will move on too soon and you will content yourself with drawing what little excitement you can from warm memories and lukewarm champagne.

**TAURUS**  
**APRIL 21 - MAY 21**  
Driving Mars makes its move into expansive Leo and makes all proud Bulls quite happy to hang around the house. Use this time to get a few outstanding home projects done once and for all. Good timing, compadre; Mars energizes you and any project you tackle will be completed sooner than thought. That leaves you plenty of time to do a bit of home entertaining. Hint, hint.

**GEMINI**  
**MAY 22 - JUNE 21**  
Pink Twins are known for their finesse. They know the right thing to say at just the right time. Now, as Mars moves into Leo, you are anxious to put a bit more action into all those words. Use the next few weeks to be loud, proud and queer not just in speech but also in deeds. Too soon, Mars will move on and you will just be another pretty face. I guess things could be worse.

**CANCER**  
**JUNE 22 - JULY 23**  
Gay Crabs like to keep their eyes on the bottom line (hey, don't we all....) and now, as Mars enters generous Leo, the bottom line takes a turn up. Fiscal considerations are considered more optimistic than usual. If you have done your research and asked the right questions, you may find that the next few weeks brings its monetary rewards. If you need help spending it, give me a call.

**LEO**  
**JULY 24 - AUGUST 23**  
Mars penetrates your own sign and makes you a force with whom to be reckoned. Proud, regal Lions cannot be reined in and they demand... and get... all the nods. Meet and greet and get a few new things in motion. You burst upon the scene and take over. You are hot, hot and hotter, cousin. Yawn. So what else is new? Consider sharing the scene for the greatest payoff.

**VIRGO**  
**AUGUST 24 - SEPTEMBER 23**  
What is lurking in your Pandora's box, Gay Virgin? Don't even try to hide as Mars enters no-nonsense Leo and blasts your Box lid off in a grand motion. Expect a few secrets to be exposed along with a few closeted Virgos. Good thing too, cousin; just like a stale wind, these secrets need to be aired out and dispersed. By next month you will be belle of the ball. Or is it balls?

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**SCORPIO**  
**OCTOBER 24 - NOVEMBER 22**  
As you eye the corner office, remember that powerful Mars is now making its move into expansive Leo. Proud Scorps can manifest their corporate destiny and toss out a few of the many undeserving hangers-on along the way. Clean house comrade and take your place among the chosen few. But be a benevolent dictator and not a petty despot. Hrrm do you know the difference?

**SAGITTARIUS**  
**NOVEMBER 23 - DECEMBER 22**  
Gay Archers know no bounds and as marvelous Mars moves into Leo you need to explore the world. It is a grand time for a grand tour... or something along those cruise lines. Mars unleashes your inhibitions and there are no restrictions. But do more than just pose on the beach. Take it to the streets, take it to the towns, take it anywhere you can. Someone will take notice.

**CAPRICORN**  
**DECEMBER 23 - JANUARY 20**  
Hot queer Capricorns feel a surge as itchy Mars rollercoasters into feisty Leo. Your juices are brought to a boil and your urge to merge may simply be too tempting to resist. Hey, so why resist?? Go with this rollicking energy, lover, and make the most of the Mars oomph-pa-pa. By next month you will be too pooped to pop among other things.... as usual. Sigh.

**AQUARIUS**  
**JANUARY 21 - FEBRUARY 19**  
Independent Aquereians can't help but feel a domestic pull when Mars enters Leo. If you are in a relationship, make the most of this hot Mars energy to heat things up. Do what needs to be done. If you are single and seeking, take Mars with you on your search for a little extra push and pull. You are inspired and inspirational. There is wind in your sails. Start your cruise.

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**WHAT MAKES OUR TOWN TICK?**  
 (calabazamusic@yahoo.com) By Jerry D.

**When Did Our National Pastime Get So Screwed Up?**

Last week was one that was marked on my calendar since the beginning of the year. Baseball was holding its annual All-Star gala on July 9th, and this year I had the luxury of being with friends and fans to see the event on TV as it was happening. I had missed the last 3 years due to work and travel, so I was dead set on what was to be a night of fun, and nostalgia. I woke up last Tuesday with a vision in my head. Unfortunately, not only did that vision not come to fruition, but my view on our nation's pastime became even more clouded.

I, like many of the folks of the Old Pueblo, love the game of baseball. We grew up with visions of the guys who ran out to the field and made the plays we wish we could accomplish. We were either in awe of the strategy, the feats of the players, or heck, just the players themselves. Summer was not a season unless we were taken out to the ball game. After Tuesday though, a lot of the city, as well as myself are tarnished in the luster that was the game we grew up with.

As I sat in one of my favorite watering holes, the conversation of course was guided by the events of the past couple of months. The speculation of Gay players in baseball, and the effect that it would have on the game. The pre-game festivities could not compete with the conversation on the subject, so I of course had to chime in on the debate. The views of this community regarding sport are as informative as politics, religion, and any other social subject. It is sports in general that link many of us, where other views and ideas separate. Baseball is the most common, as it is the sport that most folks can relate to.

The debate at the moment pitted whether or not an openly Gay man would be accepted in a major league baseball team. The views went in both directions, and either side had valid points worth mentioning. But the question at hand was just a cog in an ever malfunctioning system that has let its fans down for the last number of years. A lot of the participants of the debate agreed that the subject definitely needed mentioning, but that's is where the agreements ended.

On the one side, comparisons to Jackie Robinson could be made. The first out player would have a huge burden as well as the microscope of the nation to worry about. He would have to have the

composure that Robinson had, but with today's media, have the ability to state his case before the entire world in a matter of seconds. My prayers would be with that person should he take that step, for he will definitely be taking on a task I would not wish on anyone.

The other side of the coin had debaters arguing that an outed player would never be judged on the field of play fairly, no matter what he accomplishes. The title of "Gay right fielder" would cause a rift in the growing acceptance of openly Gay people in the world. If he is an amazing player, it would get lost in the screams and protests of those outside the stadium. That in itself would be pressure that would cause everything from failure to perform, to a tragedy of being used as a scapegoat for not reaching the goals of the team.

Whatever the view on the subject was that night, there was the agreement from the bar that made me want to put out this week's article. It is a view shared by many, and it mirrors not only baseball, and not only sport, but life itself for this country's growing problems. The subject of an openly Gay player in baseball can do nothing to save a game, much less a business that is making its own hole to lie in.

I am sure that one day, we will see openly Gay players in all sports (you know football would love it). But baseball being the innovator of our country's views and ideas, is of course going to be the forefront. Unfortunately that should not occur until it is the only subject that the game needs to save face from. The game has to be one that is enjoyed by all without rumor, speculation or scandal before anyone comes out in it. Just like our country, coming out is scratching the surface of the real ills that are facing us.

As you probably know the game ended in a tie. The debate ended almost in the same matter, with either side not knowing what the true answer is. Disagreement makes our country as unique as any I have had the pleasure of living in or visiting. I take pride in the views of my fellow bar patrons, and it gives me hope for the future of not only Tucson, but our nation that we can gather so many people together to give their opinion. And just like baseball, that will be a part of us forever.

Until next week my friends, take care and feel free to write.

**A View From The Rock**  
 A Commentary From Cornerstone Fellowship

I had the privilege of preaching this past Sunday. The message I felt God placed upon my heart was one of unity. Unity can be defined as oneness, togetherness, or agreement amongst two or more. With that in mind I began to think of various situations in my life and in the lives of others I know that are problems or hindrances. The commonality of them all is the inability of the individuals involved to unite for the common good.

had this on his/her mind as they spoke with you, we could avoid countless arguments, hurt feelings, and festering situations.

I know. Its not practical to think that everyone will ever or could ever live at peace with everyone else but, what if you tried it? You could sleep well at night knowing that you've done all you can to be at peace with your boss, co-workers, spouse, family, neighbor and the list goes on.

God speaks to us in his word about uniting with each other. We are told in the letter written by Paul to the Romans, "If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone." Wouldn't that be a great motto for all of us to live by? Imagine. If everyone you had to interact with

Peace and unity will never be totally achieved on this Earth simply because of sin in our lives. But better relationships, meaningful friendships, and united groups could be the outcome of our effort to "live at peace with everyone." That Bible sure has some good advice!

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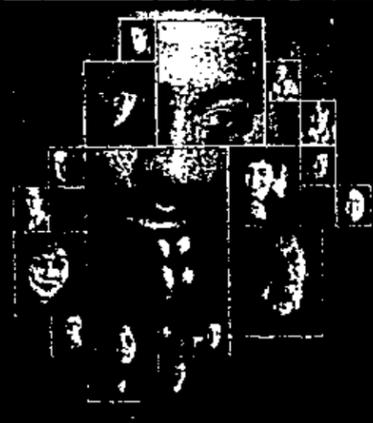
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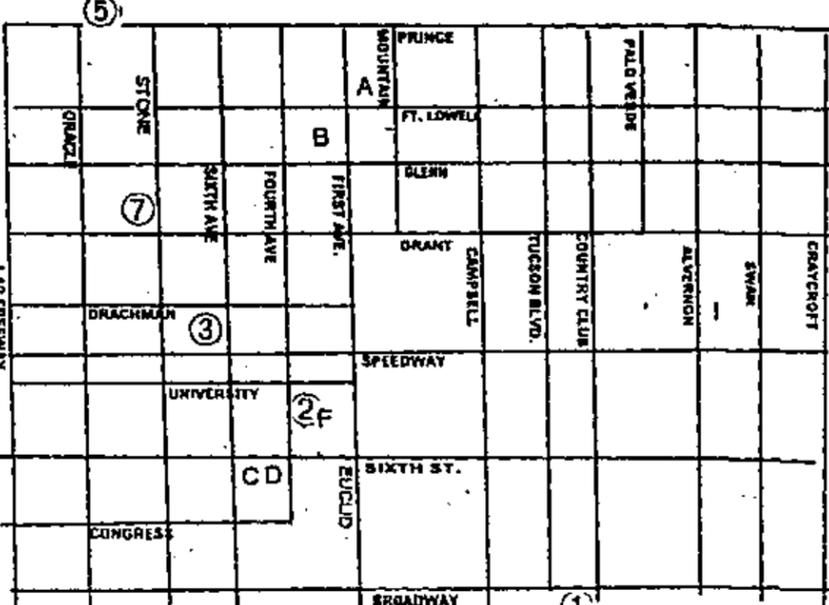
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Dear Dr. X,

Please help. I have a really hairy butt. I have seen many men with smooth butts, but how do they achieve that? I can't have anyone shave it for me, so I am looking for a quick, painless, hygienic way to having a smoother ass.

mentioned how crazy we were when we were younger. Any ideas on how I should approach this? I would love another session with him.

Signed,  
Childhood Memories

Please help,  
Hairy

Dear Hairy,

We've all seen the pornstars with perfectly smooth asses. The major trend in pornography is to shave men's private areas so that their goods can be seen more clearly. Plus, the smooth skin makes the men look more boyishly youthful. I personally like a man to look like a man, and that usually entails a hairy tail.

Dear Memories,

Before you go and put on your kneepads, invite him out to dinner and get to know him again. I'm sure he hasn't forgotten about the things you did together, but the things you did as horny teenagers are not always remembered fondly in adulthood. I would go out to dinner and talk about your life and mention that you are Gay. If you get this out in the open he may be more inclined to bring up the events in your past. After dinner invite him out to the places you like to go. Don't pressure him into anything, just get to know him, if he decided to look you up again he obviously likes you and wants to remain friends. Don't push the subject. If he's interested in another "session" have fun. If he doesn't remind yourself that this is a true friend and you will always have a place to stay when you're in his town!

There is no painless solution. In fact, because of the number of sensitive nerves between your legs, removing hairs there can be extremely painful. Shaving is not recommended for obvious reasons: the hair comes back, the stubble itches like crazy, and the tiny nicks and cuts will sting when you sweat down there (and you'll learn the hard way just how much you do sweat down there). Acidic hair-dissolving lotions are dangerous to use on the sensitive skin around your anus and genitals, as they will cause severe irritation, possible allergic reactions, and may desensitize the nerve endings that bring sexual pleasure.

[Dr. X needs your questions. Please send all your queries to gmhp-outreach@saaf.org or mail them to SAAF/GMHP, 375 S. Euclid, Tucson, AZ 85719. You can also check out Dr. X online at www.gmhp.org.]

The only quick solution is permanent removal (electrolysis), but it is extremely painful down there and the process will have to be repeated as new hair tries to grow back. If you are macho enough to go through the pain of electrolysis, I wish you all the best.

Dear Dr. X,

In my teens I had a buddy who let me suck him off. He never reciprocated but we remained good friends throughout. As things go he moved away and we lost touch. He called recently to say he will be in town and wants to get together. He even

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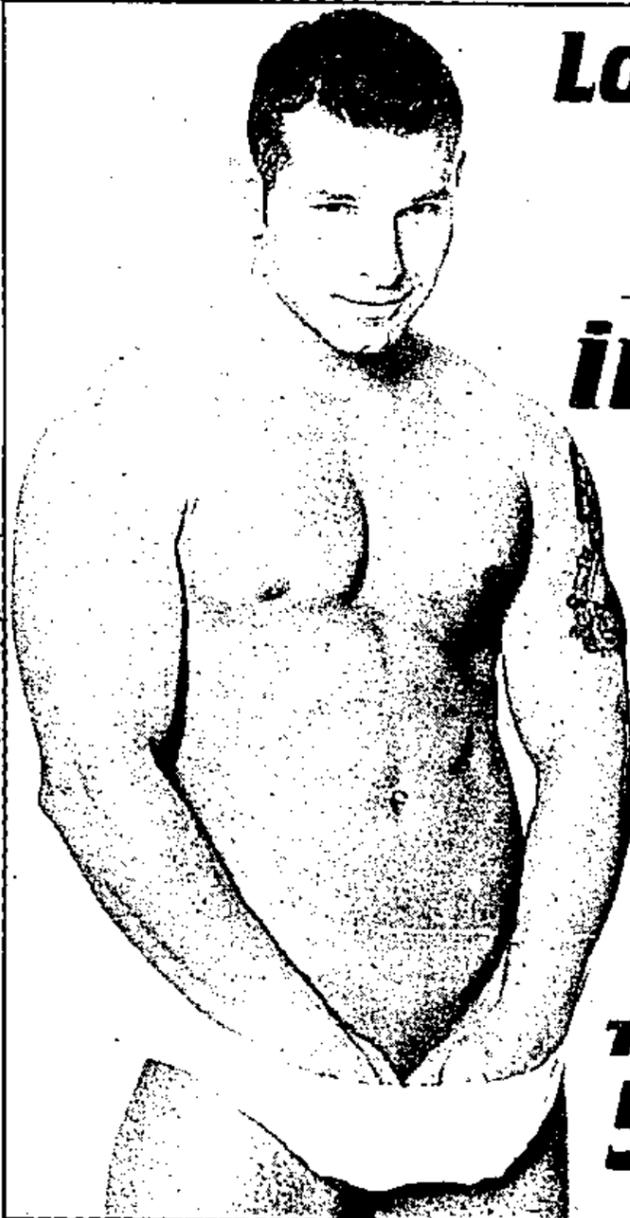
DEAR OBSERVER AND COMMUNITY:

Oopsie. In my zeal to thank everyone who participated in the rally and press conference at Wingspan on June 28 (in response to the vandalism here), I neglected to mention a few other groups who attended the rally. Arizona Human Rights Fund, Brewster Center, Oasis Center, the Richard Heakin Memorial Fund, and Southern Arizona Center Against Sexual Assault (SACASA) were also among those represented, and their presence was just as appreciated, as is the important work they are doing in the community every day.

Our thanks also go to the Observer, whose coverage not only helped spread the word of this event, but continues to keep Tucson's LGBT community informed and aware. Keep up the good work, one and all!

With just as much pride as before,

Mark English, on behalf of the Staff, Volunteers, and Board of Wingspan, Tucson, AZ



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# Non-Bar Calendar

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## FRIDAY, JULY 19

Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. Join Jerry & Les as they host Pizza Night. For only \$5, you get pizza, salad, drinks and desserts. For reservations and directions, please call Jerry or Les at 690-9565.

## SATURDAY, JULY 20

#1. Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 9:00 a.m. Join 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 Jack at 681-5733.

#2. Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 6:00 p.m. Bill will host Pinochle & Pizza Night beginning with a chance to share some pizza and meet and greet the other players over pizza (\$5), followed by Pinochle at 6:30 p.m. For more information, please call Bill at 297-3589.

## SUNDAY, JULY 21

Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 3:00 p.m. Art & Jeff host a movie with dinner. They'll provide the main dish, and you bring a side dish or dessert. The movie will be "Speedway Junky", with Jonathan Taylor Thomas starring as a bisexual hustler. Seating is limited. For reservations and directions, please call Art or Jeff at 762-9135.

## MONDAY, JULY 22

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

## TUESDAY, JULY 23

#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 733-9494.

#2. Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. Bridge Night will meet at Michael'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 Michael at 328-3555.

## THURSDAY, JULY 25

The Men's Relationship Group - a Man to Man activity 7:00 - 9:30 p.m. Call 681-4582.

## FRIDAY, JULY 26

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

#2. Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 8:00 p.m. Join us for a night of Retro TV as we show episodes of "Friends", "Roseanne", and "The Mary Tyler Moore Show". For reservations and directions, please call Les at 690-9565.

## SATURDAY, JULY 27

#1. Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 9:00 a.m. Join Jack for a morning of tennis. For directions, please call Jack at 681-5733.

#2. Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 6:00 p.m. Marv will host Pinochle & Pizza Night beginning with a chance to share some pizza and meet and greet the other players over pizza (\$5), followed by Pinochle at 6:30 p.m. For more information, please call Marv at 745-0304.

#3. Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. Bill hosts the continuing saga of the Fisher family in "Six Feet Under". For reservations and directions, please call Bill at 546-7539.

Miss Gay Arizona America 2003 Pageant at the Innsuites Hotel, Tucson Suite Hotel and Resort, 475 N. Granada. Sponsored by IBT's, Woody's, Unique on Central and Pookie's the evening will be hosted by Lucinda Holiday, Barbara Seville and Truly Fabu. The event begins at 7:00 p.m. Sabrina White, Miss Gay America 2002 will perform as will Angela Dodd, Miss Gay Arizona America 2002 and special guest Patti LaPlae Safe. Tickets are available from the show's promoter, Lucinda Holiday (520)327-1576 and at the door. It's not just another pageant - it's a Party!

## MONDAY, JULY 29

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

## TUESDAY, JULY 30

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 733-9494.

# BAR CALENDAR

## OF UPCOMING EVENTS

### WEDNESDAY, JULY 17

IBT'S - The "DivaLicious" Show hosted by Lucinda Holiday and starring Samantha White, Janee Starr and Bunny FuFu.

### THURSDAY, JULY 18

VENTURE-N - All you Cancerians out there, belly up to the V-N and PARTY! It's your birthday time!!!!

### FRIDAY, JULY 19

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - Latin Night. \$1.50 Tequila shots, \$2.50 Tequila Sunrise. Hot latin music with DJ Hill 9:00 p.m. to closing.

### SUNDAY, JULY 21

IBT'S - Party line-up includes Dennis and Mike's Recovery Bar from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. \$1.75 Bloody Marys, Screwdrivers or Mimosa's. Karaoke with Billy Dee on the patio from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m., Benefit Bar-B-Que / Beer Bust from 5:30 to 8:00 p.m. This week's proceeds go to Gay Men's Health Project (GMHP). Then at 8:30 p.m., a special show for GMHP starring Janee Starr, Veronica Halliwell, Terri-Ak, and special guests.

### MONDAY, JULY 22

IBT'S - Something new here, "Uncle Mundies" with Jay. Get Happy Hour Prices for just losing your pants from 9:00 until closing!

### WEDNESDAY, JULY 24

IBT'S - The "DivaLicious" Show hosted by Lucinda Holiday and starring Faith Michaels, Mr. Kenneth Blake and Debra LeBlanc.

### THURSDAY, JULY 25

VENTURE-N - Desert Storm Uniform Night. \$2.00 Well and Domestic Beer for those in uniform and Steakout Night. Bring your own meat or buy it there. They will cook it and provide the sides.

### FRIDAY, JUNE 26

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - Hip Hop Night. DJ Hill spins the hottest hip hop and R&B from 9:00 p.m. to close. \$1.50 Zipper shots and \$1.00 Hot Sex all night. No Cover!

### SUNDAY, AUGUST 4

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - Drag benefiting Tori Steele and her quest for Miss Gay America 2003. Show features Tori Steele, Diana Flair, Jasmine Bouvier, Foxy and scandalicious Latin music immediately following the show. Show starts at 9:30 p.m. No Cover!



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# Daily Bar Calendar

**AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ** - Beer Bust 5-10, \$1.25 pitchers. Latin Music with DJ Hill 8:30 to close. Shot specials all night.

IBT'S - 10am-8pm \$1.75 Bloody, Screws or Mimosa's. Benefit 8-8-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 Hi energy dancing. (Call for details). All drink specials not available during special events.

VENTURE-N-Open 10am. Patio open 3pm. Daily special til 7pm. Patio Beer bust 3-7. Burger Bar-B-Que 5-7. (Donation only).

WOODY'S - Open 11am. \$1.50 Bloody Marys, screwdrivers, Mimosa's; Happy Hour 11am-8pm \$2 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.

### Monday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - Happy Hour Two-For-One 2-7. Football Madness \$1.75. 75¢ drafts 8 to close. No Cover.

IBT'S - Open 11am. Happy Hours 11am-8pm, \$2 domestic beer and well. 4-9pm. New hot dance with DJ Parter. Uncle Mondie with Jay. Happy Hour prices for those in their undies 8-1pm-close. Queer As Folk shown beginning at 8pm. All drink specials not available during special events.

VENTURE-N - Open 10am. Patio 5pm. Daily specials til 7pm.

WOODY'S - Open Noon. \$2 well or domestic beer til 8pm. Karaoke w/Billy Dee 9pm to close.

YARD DOG - Open daily 8am. 50¢ off any Scotch until 7pm. Kennel open daily at 5pm.

### Tuesday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - Happy Hour Two-For-One 2-7pm. Pool lounge 7:30pm. \$3 entry, pot matched. \$1.50 drink specials for pool players. \$2 Bottle Bud products. 8-close. Country music with DJs. 8:30-11.

IBT'S - Open 11am. Happy Hours 11am-8pm, \$2 domestic beer and well. 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.

VENTURE-N-Open 10am. Patio 5pm. Daily specials til 7pm.

WOODY'S - Open Noon. \$2 well or domestic til 8pm. 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.

### Wednesday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Happy Hour 2-4-1 from 2-7. Beer Bash \$1.25 Pitchers Bud/Bud Light 8-close. Dance music 9-close.

IBT'S - Open 11am. Happy Hours 11am-8pm, \$2 domestic beer and well. 9pm "Diva-Licious" show w/Lucinda Holiday and guests. HNRG Dancing with DJ-Q. All drink specials not available during special events.

VENTURE-N-Open 10am. Patio 5pm. Daily specials til 7pm.

WOODY'S - Open Noon. \$2 well or domestic beer til 8pm. Volleyball games start 7pm. Underwear-leban-leather nite 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.

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Karaoke w/Stephanie 8-close. \$2 Kamikazes and \$1 Hot Sex.

IBT'S - Open 11am. Happy Hours 11am-8pm, \$2 domestic beer and well. 4-9. Retro 00s Dance w/Jonathan Hi NRG dancing 9-1 All drink specials not available during special events.

VENTURE-N-Open 10am. Patio open 5pm. Daily special til 7pm. Pool Tournament 7pm. 3 entry. (Special prices for players).

WOODY'S - Open Noon. \$2 well or domestic beer til 8pm. Trivia Thursday 8pm-close plus 50¢ off all Big Ass drinks. Top scores on NTN game wins special prizes. Free Pool 8 to close. Volleyball Court is Open. See bartender.

YARD DOG - Open daily 8am. 50¢ off any Bourbon til 7pm. Kennel open daily at 5pm.

### Friday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Happy Hour Two-For-One 2-7. Free food at 5:30pm. Dance music 8:30-11 w/DJ Hill. Drink specials all night.

IBT'S - Open 11am. Happy Hours 11am-8pm, \$2 domestic beer and well. Live Jazz on the patio with the Susan 8-9pm. Patio Bar 5-1pm. Dance Party with DJ Reynman 9 to 1. All drink specials not available during special events.

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 8pm. Martini Party - Well Martinis \$2.00 all day. Call Martinis \$3 from 4pm to close. Volleyball Court is Open. Patio Bar Open 7pm - midnight.

YARD DOG - Open daily 8am. 50¢ off any Gin until 7pm. Kennel open daily at 5pm.

### Saturday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - 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 - 10am-8pm \$2 domestic beer and well. Dance Party 9-11 w/DJ-Q. All drink specials not available during special events.

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. Til 8pm. Happy Hour 4-8pm. \$1.75 well or domestics. Patio Bar opens 5pm. 5-9pm Filet Mignon or Swordfish BBQ with all the trimmings \$5.

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LESBIAN SUPPORT GROUP. Involving discussion, support and activities. Designed to support each other. Meets 1st & 3rd Saturday of each month from 9:30 to 11am. Alternate Saturdays the group meets for social activities. For info call Dorian Easty, facilitator. 892-7723

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 36284, 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 p.m. You are not alone. For more info call Wingspan, 624-1779.

The TUCSON Chapter of PRIME TIMERS WORLDWIDE invites Gay or Bisexual men and their admirers to join and share Prime Timers fellowship. We welcome mature men (and admirers) who wish to become involved with planned and future Prime Timers activities. Meetings luncheons and dinners are held monthly. For dates, times and information call 529-9344, 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 681-1784 - 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 745-6577 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.

RAINBOW SUPPORT GROUP: LGBT and supportive friends meet for open discussions in a loving, supportive atmosphere. Support meetings are the 2nd and 4th Thursdays from 7:30 to 9:00 pm at St. Francis in the Foothills Church, Swan and River Road, Room 42. The 3rd Thursdays of the month, the group will meet at 7:30pm at Rainbow Planet Coffeehouse (608 North 4th Ave.) as a social outing. For more information call the church at 299-9063 and ask for a contact person.

HIKE & 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.

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

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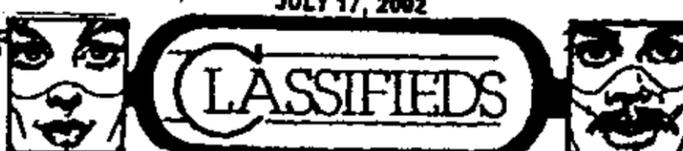
LAMBDA CAR CLUB, a social organization of Gays and Lesbians who share interest, information and fellowship involving all cars and trucks. New Southern Arizona Region now in Tucson. Call the HOTline at 888-5541

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

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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 Phamily! For more information call Debbie 579-8827 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. 6th Ave. Call 791-9882.

Join the LESBIAN & GAY PUBLIC AWARENESS PROJECT. In Tucson write Awareness Project, 3681 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 890-9585 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 299-8647.

FOR INFORMATION ABOUT SPORTS TEAMS and updates on Gay Games 2002, contact TEAMARIZONA 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 681-4582 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 PRIDE, INC. meets on the second Tuesday in the Sentinel Building, City of Tucson Community Resource Campus, 320 N. Commerce Park Loop (on Bonita St. between Congress and St. Marys Road) at 7 pm. Tucson Pride produces Pride events: Pride Week, Gay West and OUToberFest. Inquiries about support groups and individual needs should be directed to Wingspan and other local agencies listed here. For more information call 632-3200 or visit the website www.tucsonpride.com

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

TUCSON INTERFAITH HIV/AIDS NETWORK (TIAN), a coalition of faith communities committed to a compassionate response to HIV/AIDS, provides HIV education in congregational settings, volunteer CareTeams to support HIV+ persons, a referral network of HIV-sensitive clergy, and interfaith services of healing and hope. For more information call 299-8647.

LESBIAN/GAY/BI-SEXUAL OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS. Saturdays 1 to 2pm new location Wingspan, 300 E. 6th St. Contacts 325-8678 or 327-4293.

ANONYMOUS HIV COUNSELING AND TESTING is available through the Pima County Health Department at sites throughout Tucson. Very Gay Friendly. For more information or to make an appointment call 791-7878.

GRACE GROUP - CATHOLIC GAY/LESBIAN SUPPORT GROUP meets every 2nd and 4th Monday at 7:30 p.m. in the Madonna Hall at Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Church, 1438 N. Campbell across from University Hospital. For more info, Call Anabel at 325-8892

SMART (Self Management And Recovery Training) is a free non-12-step self-help alternative for people working to overcome addictive and other emotional problems meets in Tucson Monday thru Thursdays at different locations. For more information about SMART, contact Jennifer at 792-4607, Ext.398

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

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

LUTHERANS CONCERNED - Tucson chapter for Gay/Lesbian Lutherans meets 4th Sunday, 8:30 p.m. each month at Santa Cruz Lutheran Church, 8809 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)

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

TGNArizona: The central source for news and information for, by and about the T.S. TG, and Gender-varient communities of Arizona. Website URL: http://www.tgnarizona.org - e-mail address: algoodrum@tgnwest.net.org

SENIORRAP, a discussion group for older LGTBs, meets from 3 to 5pm on the last Sunday of every month at Wingspan, 300 E. 6th St. For more info call 640-9820

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PASSAGES MENTALK - Discussion group and more. For men in their 30s, 40s and late 20s. A great way to meet people. Meeting 3rd Tuesday of each month at Wingspan 7-9pm. Call 760-8714 for more information.

SUPPORT GROUP FOR RECOVERING ADDICTS AND ALCOHOLICS. Group meets every Saturday 7-8pm in Cornerstone Fellowship Hall, 2902 N. Geronimo. 622-4828 or 750-8404.

SOUTHERN ARIZONA STONEWALL DEMOCRATS meet 3rd Monday of each month 7pm at 4839 E. First Street. Call Jesse 743-4320 or Maurice 323-2293. All LGBT Democrats and supporters welcome. TucsonStonewall@aol.com

GUYS BOOK CLUB meets 4th Tuesday of each month at 7pm, Rainbow Planet Coffee House, 608 N. 4th Ave.

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

ARIZONA AIDS POLICY ALLIANCE (AZAPA) seeks to educate legislators and citizens about sound AIDS policy. For more information write AZAPA, 6523 N. 14th St., #112, Phoenix, AZ 85014 or call 602-278-4865.

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

AAPSP - ARIZONA ASSOCIATION OF PUBLIC SAFETY PROFESSIONALS: a confidential organization committed to providing support and networking for all Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual public safety professionals in Arizona. Membership open to Law Enforcement Officers, Firefighters, Probation, Parole and Corrections Officers and civilians working within these agencies. Website: AAPSP.org or e-mail: AAPSP@aol.com or call Dave (520)745-9059 (Tucson) or Kim (602)534-8219 (Phoenix)

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

TUCSON CATHOLIC GAY & LESBIAN FAMILY MINISTRY. Currently meeting the 4th Monday of every month at St. Peter & Paul Church, Madonna Hall 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Fr. Fiedler in attendance every meeting and willing to speak one on one. Reaching out to Parents and Families. For more info call Doc or Barbara 293-6824.

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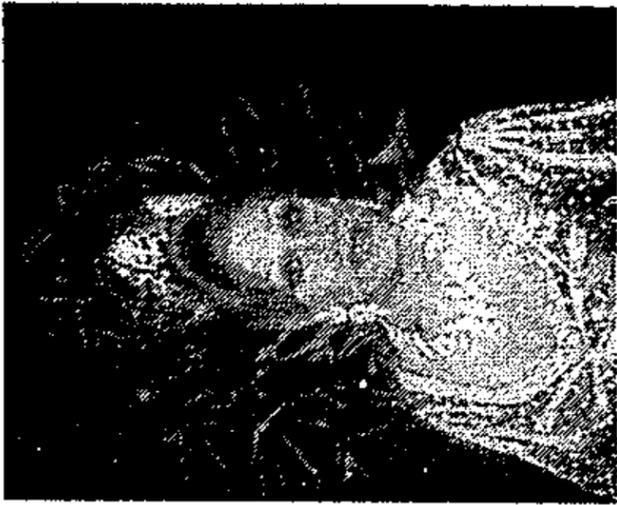
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