



## Wingspan Dinner Honorees Announced

TUCSON - On Saturday, September 21st, Wingspan will hold its 5th Annual Benefit Dinner and Awards Ceremony at the Tucson Convention Center. Wingspan proudly announces the recipients of this year's awards:

Bob Ellis, Editor/Publisher of the Weekly Tucson Observer, is the 2002 Godat Award recipient. The Godat Award recognizes an individual who has given a lifetime of outstanding contributions to Tucson's Gay, Lesbian, bisexual and transgender communities.

He was born in Minneapolis, Minnesota on September 9, 1924 and lived in Washington, D.C. and Cincinnati, Ohio during childhood and adolescence. Bob was active in the U.S. Navy from 1942 to 1952, serving in WWII and the Korean Conflict. He is a decorated veteran.

Bob became active in the Gay community at an early age. In the late 1950s, while living in Austin, Texas, Bob opened the first Gay bar and cabaret in that city. Since Austin is a university town, the "Jesters Club" attracted many Gay students. Bob was also active in the formation of the first University of Texas Gay/Lesbian Rights Group, which operated underground for many years and is still in existence today.

In 1968, Ellis moved to Tucson to be closer to his family. He worked at Gibson's Stationers until 1976.

On June 6, 1976, Richard Heakin, a vacationing Gay man from Nebraska, was murdered outside the original Stonewall bar in Tucson on North First Avenue. For the first time, the local Lesbian and Gay community came out of the closet and united in their protest of the perpetrators receiving probation for the murder. Numerous political and social organizations took root and the Gay and Lesbian community was born.

In response to the Heakin murder and new community activism, Bob identified the need for a newsletter to keep people united and informed about daily happenings in the community. Bob teamed up with George Reeder and Barney Robles and on September 29, 1976 launched the Tucson Gay News (TGN). Shortly thereafter, on February 4, 1977, the paper went state-wide and changed its name to the Arizona Gay News (AGN). On June 26, 1984, Bob and his partner, Gary Clark, changed the name to the Observer. The Observer has just printed its 946th issue, approaching 19 years of continuous publication.

Wingspan also is proud to announce the winners of the Hall Award and the Community Ally Award. The Hall Award is named after long-time Wingspan supporter, Stephen Hall, who died of AIDS-related complications in September 2001. The Award recognizes an individual who best embodies Steve Hall's commitment and dedication toward advancing the mission, values and work of Wingspan. Jim Sincx has been selected as the first Hall Award recipient.

Jim Sincx spent his childhood years in Northwestern Illinois and many of his adult years in Chicago. He worked for 20 years at the American National Bank of Chicago. Later, he made a major career change, earning a doctorate in clinical psychology and developing a private practice. Jim was active in the LGBT community in Chicago.

Soon after moving to Tucson in 1992, Jim began volunteering at Wingspan. Since that time he has served on the Youth Services Committee, the Tucson/Pima Collaboration for GLBT Youth Committee, and several ad hoc committees. He recently completed six years on Wingspan's Board of Directors and served as Secretary/Treasurer for two of those years. Jim has been active in both the state and local psychological associations, serving on the state GLB Issues Committee and as the Membership Chair for the Southern Arizona Psychological Association. In addition, he served on the PFLAG board for three years. At present, he maintains a part-time psychology practice and facilitates a Gay men's HIV/AIDS support group at the Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation.

The second annual Community Ally Award, presented to a straight ally who has shown outstanding support to Tucson's LGBT community, is being awarded to George Miller. George Miller has been one of the strongest supporters of the Lesbian, Gay, bisexual and transgender communities in Tucson. Miller served from 1977 to 1991 on the Tucson City Council. As one long-time community activist put it, "George Miller was there for our community long before it was fashionable to do so."

In the wake of the 1998 murder of Matthew Shepard, then Mayor Miller spoke at a community memorial and rally held at the University of Arizona. Shortly thereafter, Mayor Miller met with 30-40 LGBT community leaders, and recommended the formation of a Mayor's Task Force to address some of the issues

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## Gay Enron Exec Pleads Guilty To Fraud

NEW YORK, NY (GFN) - Michael J. Kopper, a Gay former Enron Corp. financial executive considered a crucial potential witness in the criminal inquiry into the energy company's former leadership, pled guilty to two felony charges and is cooperating fully with government investigators.

Mr. Kopper, 37, will surrender \$12 million in illegally obtained money and pled guilty to conspiracy to commit wire fraud and money laundering. He is the first former Enron executive to plead guilty.

According to sources close to the case, the former managing director of Enron's global finance unit will admit that a large part of the money used for his lavish lifestyle - which included a 5,200-square-foot house with a glass staircase and numerous expensive cars - came not from business acumen but crime.

Mr. Kopper is set to provide crucial information to federal investigators from his role as a trusted aide of Enron Chief Financial Officer Andrew Fastow, in exchange for the guilty plea.

According to Federal investigators, Mr. Kopper was at the center of several off-balance-sheet partnerships he spearheaded for Mr. Fastow. The unraveling of those partnerships led to the firm's Dec. 2 filing for bankruptcy protection.

At least one of the expected criminal charges against Mr. Kopper stems from a transaction involving a partnership known as Southampton Place. Mr. Kopper and a small group of Enron insiders allegedly transformed secret short-term investments in the partnership into tens of millions of dollars in profits that Federal investigators say belonged to the company.

The government contends that Mr. Kopper and Mr. Fastow used the same partnership deals to defraud National Westminster of \$7.3 million.

According to a report in The New York Times, Mr. Kopper became known throughout his division as the man who helped Mr. Fastow with his off-the-books partnerships.

Investigators believe Mr. Kopper was at the center of transactions involving a partnership known as Chewco, which he formed in 1997 to keep more than \$700 million in energy investment debt off Enron's books.

Under accounting rules, at least 3

percent of Chewco's capital had to come from independent investors for Enron to keep the partnership's financial results off the company's books. Mr. Kopper and others are said to have set up a secret side deal that served to disguise the fact that Chewco did not meet that standard.

A report in The Wall Street Journal shows Mr. Kopper raised money for the deal by getting a loan from Barclays PLC for two paper vehicles he helped create, that would act as the independent investors in Chewco. For their participation, Barclays would only lend the money, \$11.5 million in total, if an Enron affiliate deposited more than half that amount into two accounts at Barclays, helping ensure repayment.

Enron backed the loan even though the paper vehicles never had enough of their own money at risk in Chewco, to satisfy the 3 percent requirement. Yet, said the Journal, for the next four years, Enron treated Chewco as if it did meet the 3 percent standard.

Last year, when Enron decided to buy out Chewco, investigators say Mr. Kopper and his domestic partner, William Dodson, received \$12.6 million from the company, a fantastic gain on the \$125,000 they had originally provided to fund the paper companies.

In addition to his close relationship with Mr. Fastow, Mr. Kopper is believed to have had close dealings with former Enron President and Chief Executive Jeffrey Skilling. Investigators also believe Mr. Kopper will offer key information concerning the role played by former Enron Chairman Kenneth Lay.

Mr. Kopper's plea is said to be the most significant break for prosecutors since they secured their criminal-obstruction-of-justice conviction against Enron's former auditor, Arthur Andersen LLP. Legal experts say Mr. Kopper's guilty plea will help accelerate the pace of the investigation and put added pressure on Messrs. Fastow, Skilling and Lay, who have previously testified that they did nothing wrong.

In his appearance before a Congressional committee earlier this year, Mr. Kopper joined other Enron executives in invoking his Fifth Amendment right against self-incrimination. Now that has changed, although it is still unknown whether Mr. Kopper is expected to serve jail time as part of the plea arrangement.

# WELCOME BACK STUDENTS

# UPDATE

## Gay & Lesbian Film Night Sept 7

TUCSON - St. Philips in the Hills Episcopal Churches Gay and Lesbian Ministry will be holding its seventh annual Gay and Lesbian Film Night, Saturday, September 7, in the East Gallery.

First to roll at 4:00 p.m. is "Watermelon Woman," a light-hearted documentary style which explores the life of an African-American Lesbian film star, known as Watermelon Woman, a kind of "Northern Exposure" meets "Will & Grace." "All Over The Guy" will follow at 8:00 p.m. This film is a romantic comedy where "boy meets boys."

St. Philips is at the Northeast corner of River and Campbell. Tickets are \$5, and proceeds will benefit Wingspan and the Arizona AIDS Policy Alliance. For more information, call (520) 299-6421 or (520) 318-4468.

## TIHAN Educational Forum Sept. 4

TUCSON - Please join TIHAN Wednesday, September 4, 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m., for an educational forum targeted to anyone affected by HIV/AIDS, especially caregivers.

The forum will take place at Temple Emanu-El, 225 N. Country Club, who has graciously donated space to TIHAN for this event. The topic for the forum will be "Psychological Effects of HIV Disease" presented by Dr. James Allender. Included in the forum we will discuss: dementia and other psychological disorders related to HIV infection, losses associated with long term HIV infection, identifying means in which caregivers can support people living with HIV/AIDS, and we will discuss ways in which caregivers can cope with the stresses of caregiving.

There will be time within the forum for the audience to ask questions they have about supporting someone who may have psychological disorders due to HIV infection. There will be light refreshments available to participants. Please join us for this informative discussion and bring a friend to join you. Reservations are requested by calling the TIHAN office, (520) 299-6647.

## Initial Approval To Archive Observer Granted

TUCSON (ON) - They said it would never last but now it may, forever and ever.

Officials with the Tucson/Pima Public Library (TPPL) have given the initial go-ahead to have an LSTA (Library Services and Technology Act) grant proposal to be written by Richard DiRusso. This proposal would be sent into the state for consideration.

If this proposal is granted, Wingspan will be a partner in the venture, DiRusso said. They will receive a copy of the film and a microfilm reader/printer so that people can access it from Wingspan. TPPL would also have the microfilm.

## LGBT Rosh Hashanah Celebration Sept. 12

TUCSON - A call to all Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender (LGBT) Jews in Tucson to come together for an Apples & Honey Celebration, Thursday, September 12, 7:30 p.m., and is being hosted by the Gertrude Stein Salon.

This gathering, according to organizers, will be both a celebration for its own sake and a chance to discuss ongoing social/discussion activities for LGBT Jews.

For more information, call (520) 388-5531 or E-mail: mercedith@wingspan-az.org.

## TGNET Arizona Seeking Volunteers

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If you'd like to help out, or have any questions, contact Alexander at (520) 622-4700 or Alexander@tgnetarizona.org.

## Registration Now Available For AIDSWALK 2002

TUCSON - Registration materials are now available for AIDSWALK 2002 to take place October 20 at Rillito Downs. AIDSWALK, produced by the Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation (SAAF), is a benefit walk to support people living with and affected by HIV/AIDS.

Significant corporate sponsorship covers the expenses of AIDSWALK, so all walker dollars go to support critical services for people living with and affected by HIV/AIDS and needed prevention programs for people at risk for HIV. Money raised by AIDSWALK will provide food, care supplies, case management, volunteer peer support, outreach programs, and so much more!

Four thousand people are expected to attend AIDSWALK to show their support. Walkers earn prizes for money raised and enjoy music, food, and fill'. Panels of the National AIDS Memorial Quilt will also be unfolded and displayed at AIDSWALK.

Registration is easy through the AIDSWALK website at [www.aidswalk-tucson.com](http://www.aidswalk-tucson.com) or by calling the AIDSWALK Hotline at (520) 791-WALK (9255). Walking as a team is encouraged and provides a fun way to raise money and show support for a healthier community.

## PFLAG Raffle For McCartney Tickets

PHOENIX - PFLAG (Parents, Families and Friend of Lesbians and Gays) - Phoenix chapter recently a pair of tickets for the October 29 Paul McCartney concert at America West Arena and are conducting a fund raising raffle to send a luck pair to the event. Winner need not be present to win.

Raffle tickets are \$5.00 per ticket with bonus tickets included for certain purchase amounts (up to 10 bonus tickets with a \$100 purchase of 20 tickets). These tickets retail value is \$275. Raffle tickets can be purchased at any local PFLAG-Phoenix support meeting now through October 21, at Unique On Central through October 20, at the Rainbows Festival on October 6.

Detailed information about the raffle, including locations, dates and times for ticket purchases, purchase-by-mail instructions, the drawing and official rules can be found on the PFLAG Phoenix website, [www.pflag-phoenix.org](http://www.pflag-phoenix.org).



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## New Arrests In Miami Election Fraud

MIAMI, FL - Arrests continued in the Miami-Dade County election fraud investigation, as Florida Department of Law Enforcement agents charged Nayibe Busse, 44, with unlawful use of a notary commission, the Miami Herald reported.

Busse is the fourth person arrested in connection with irregularities in the petition drive that forced a referendum on the county's Gay rights law. The election is Sept. 10, reported the Gay.com/Planet-Out.com network.

Several days earlier, agents arrested Miami-Dade County Christian Coalition leader Anthony Verdugo on charges of false swearing. Also apprehended were 17-year-old volunteer Christian Montoya and 76-year-old notary public, Ralph Patterson. A spokesman for the special prosecutor assigned to the case told the Herald that other arrests were likely.

The criminal case was triggered months ago when Miami-Dade Elections Supervisor David Leahy found enough anomalies in the petitions to warrant investigation by the county State Attorney's office. Despite the questionable signatures, Leahy determined that there were nonetheless enough valid names to qualify the initiative for the ballot. The investigation was later moved to neighboring Polk County due to a perceived conflict of interest: Miami-Dade State Attorney Katherine Fernandez Rundle was a supporter of the Gay rights group, Save Dade.

Special prosecutor John Aguero told the Herald that Montoya and Verdugo were charged with false swearing rather

than forgery, because it's easier to prove that neither individual witnessed signings than to prove that the men faked the signatures on petitions that they later certified. Patterson and Busse were both accused of notarizing their own signatures, a charge that Busse's lawyer called "very petty."

The arrests and the negative publicity surrounding the repeal give Save Dade a boost in the last three weeks of the campaign. Save Dade Campaign Manager Georg Ketelhohn stressed that the voters can now say no -- not just to discrimination, but also to electoral fraud. The repeal vote is expected to be a close one.

## Community Hails N.Y. Times Decision

NEW YORK, NY - National Gay and Lesbian civil rights groups continue to lavish praise on the decision announced Sunday, August 18, by The New York Times that it will begin running same-sex commitment ceremony notices alongside its wedding announcements next month.

Joan Garry of the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation said the decision will help change hearts and minds and that it will give readers of the newspaper a "much clearer understanding of the world that Gay men and Lesbians live in."

David Blankenhorn, author of Fatherless America and founder of the Institute for American Values, told USA Today that the move was a cultural bellwether -- though clearly, he was unhappy with the direction indicated by the winds of change.

"It tends to communicate that

marriage is just one other kind of relationship," he said, "neither better or worse than others."

But on the other hand it's reflecting reality, at least a reflection of elite culture," he said.

David Popenoe, a sociologist with the National Marriage Project at Rutgers University, told the newspaper that while marriage as a social institution has come under siege on many sides, announcing same-sex commitment ceremonies isn't "high up on the list of factors that might weaken marriage."

Said Popenoe: "There are many people in the country who, even though they think the particular tradition of marriage should be kept for heterosexuals, are not opposed to sanctified partnerships for Gays, and that's basically what The New York Times is recognizing here."

According to GLAAD, some 59 American newspapers now run same-sex commitment announcements, including The Washington Post, the San Francisco Chronicle and the Atlanta Journal-Constitution.

Jim Bettinger, who runs the Knight Journalism Fellowships at Stanford, told USA Today that mainstream papers such as The New York Times tend to be right in the middle of the curve on social issues. "When I saw [the notice] in the Times I thought, 'OK, Gay marriages have arrived.' Once The New York Times does it, it's hard for other quality newspapers not to do it."

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The remainder of this weeks column is a eulogy of sorts. I was driving down Grant Road this weekend when I had to stop to assure that the sight I witnessed was true. The bar which once held the name of Hours is no longer a standing structure. Now I know that bars come and go in this town. It strikes a different chord when the actual place is no longer there. I was witness to the Joshua Tree being rebuilt. That gave me a sense of newness, as the new building was better. I shed a tear when The Graduate was torn down. That angered me as housing was built in its place. We all know that there was not an establishment there for quite some time now, but it still stirs the mind none the less.

Being a college town, (admit it or not, we are) most of us who brave the entire year here cant help but smile at the new students who will become temporary residents and attend any of the universities we have. I always make it a point to take the weekends when the college commences to go around town and see any of the new faces that will frequent our establishments. More and more people are starting college at a later age, so the populous is not as young as you may think. Don't let MTV fool you, the bulk of college students today are not 18 and fresh off the farm. We who are no longer in secondary education can always learn a lot about how degrees are now being obtained simply by talking to any college student in an open forum.

The new school year brings us new ideas, as well as new faces. Some folks will be coming to our town for the first time and see something that will make them want to stay forever. Some of course will high tail it out of here like they just received a pardon. Secondary education allows you to get a feel for a place, not just a subject. The impression we make as the town that houses this institution, could be as vital as the degree that person will receive for all their hard work. Those of you who live in town full time and are returning to your studies could be a big sister/brother of sorts to those who only reside during the school year. There can be friendships launched that will last a lifetime, and maybe even more.

Take the time to show the new students around. Who knows the person you aid will one day make a difference in this town or even more. To all the new students, I welcome you to write, ask, wonder and dream. That's the only way all of us will progress in the end. Have a great week folks!

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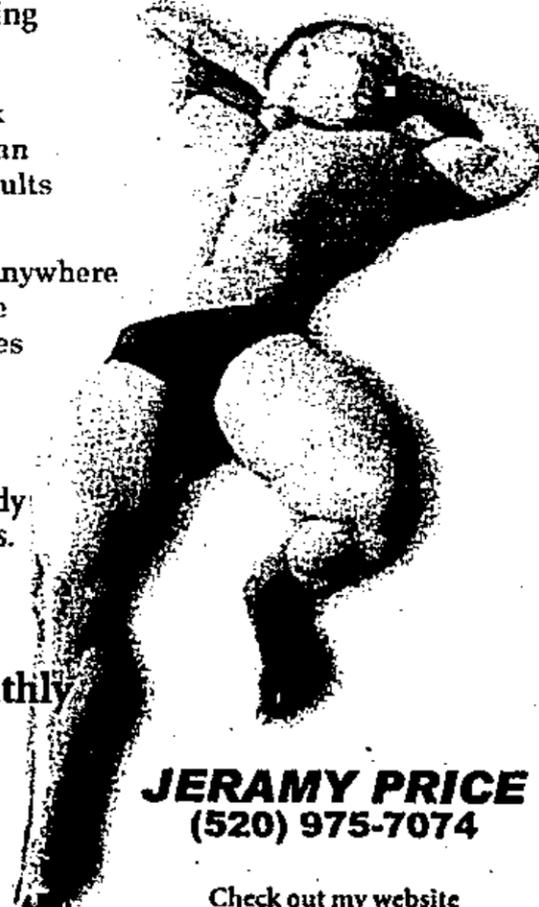
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# Arizona Gay Rodeo Assn. Update

On Sunday Aug 18, at the A.G.R.A. membership meeting, seven charities were chosen to receive a donation from A.G.R.A. The money is from remaining proceeds from the very successful 2002 RoadRunner Regional Rodeo, held last January at Rawhide. All the charitable organizations are 501 c3 charities. \$15,000 will be donated to the charities. The seven charities include AGAPE, The Community Church of Hope, Joshua Tree, The Melon-head Foundation, PFLAG, The SPCA, & THAN. A spokes person from each will organization will address the membership at the September 8, 2002, meeting and at that time the members will vote on the organizations and dollar amounts to be donated to each. A.G.R.A. would like to thank the entire community who supported the 2002 RoadRunner Regional Rodeo for without you we wouldn't have these funds to donate to such other worthy charitable organizations.

In the Rodeo arena, A.G.R.A. contestants, Royalty and members traveled to the Zia Regional Rodeo, August 10 & 11 in Albuquerque, NM. Sean Patrick earned the first buckle of his A.G.R.A. Rodeo career in Bareback Bronc's. He has come close in the past and with his skill and determination, this time he achieved his goal. Congratulations Sean. Chuck Browning and Brian Helander buckled again in the event of Steer Deco by placing first. Chuck & Brian also placed second in Goat Dressing and fifth place in the Wild Drag Race. Brian Helander also placed second for the weekend in Flag Race, finishing in fourth place for All-Around Cowboy. Chuck Browning placed first on Saturday in Pole Bending which got him a fifth place for the weekend in that event. A new member of

AGRA, Brian Stranghoner had an excellent first day on Saturday placing first in Chute Dogging. Will Lann also had a great weekend placing first on Saturday in Break-Away Roping and on Sunday placed second in Chute dogging while fellow AGRA member Gary Rushton placed fourth in the same event. And Claire Miller, back to competing after time off while her and Lacy Edwards raised their son Quade Marshall through his first year, placed sixth for the week end in Steer Deco. Congratulations to you all!

Back to the Sunday August 18, membership meeting it was announced the Miss A.G.R.A. 2001, Suzanne Targ'et (a.k.a. Steven "Woody" Howard) has thrown her Tiara (so to speak) in to the ring once again. Suzanne announced she is a candidate for Miss A.G.R.A. 2003. This takes the number of Miss candidates to 3, with Phaedra (a.k.a. Fernando Trinidad) and Lady Casandra (a.k.a. Daniel Dold) also in the running. The Mr. A.G.R.A. 2003 candidates are Kelly Bascue and Michael Butts, with Marty Wolfe the sole candidate for Ms. A.G.R.A. 2003. Good luck to all the Royalty hopefuls.

The 2003 A.G.R.A. Royalty will be crowned at the 2003 RoadRunner Regional Rodeo, which will take place at Rawhide, Wild West Town January 17-19, 2003. For membership info and any other A.G.R.A. info log onto [www.agra-phx.com](http://www.agra-phx.com) or call (602) 265-8166.

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Thursday, August 29 - Monday, September 2, 2002

8/29 - 6 pm to 8 pm -- Steak Nite

8/30 - 7 pm to close -- Torn & Tattered Party

**Saturday, 8/31**

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10 am to 1 pm -- Breakfast by Carmen

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**Costume Contest**

9:30 pm

9/1 - 5 pm to 7 pm -- Bossburgers

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9/2 -- Labor Day Splash Party

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**NOTES FROM THE FOR-REAL SIDE**

by Lee Farris

**A Rave for 'The Wire'**

You don't hear people raving about HBO's "The Wire" like you heard them raving for "The Sopranos" awhile back, but "The Wire" has its own brand of breath-through writing that, for originality and poetry, rivals anything ever put on the box.

One of the reasons that "The Sopranos" was accessible to so many people was its adoption of the familiar soap opera format. A soap opera about the mob gave us familiarity and a wonderful irony in that the mafia lip service to family values is second only to that of the Christian Coalition. Family takes a backseat in "The Wire", popping up primarily in the form of wives who are cheated on and children who are ill-used.

Now that the critical hubbub about "The Sopranos" has settled down enough to permit the possibility of some perspective, the two breakthrough elements that still stand out are its uses of humor and language. The show put outrageously contrived humorous bits right next to high and frequently grim drama. When they did a broad takeoff of "Dragnet" involving a custom-made pizza, their willingness to experiment with and to expand the soap opera genre was almost too good to believe, as unexpected and delightful as a pratfall or a pie in the face would be in the middle of "One Life to Live."

As for language, they moved it toward an unexpected realism the "filthy" way many men talk when women aren't present. The surprise to many viewers was that "filthy" male language isn't confined to dire situations or to one social, occupational or educational class.

While "The Wire" follows "The Sopranos" in terms of realistically filthy language, it makes a drastic turn away from linguistic realism in its radical uses of concision and of metaphor. The most striking example that comes to mind is a speech in which the hero explains his affection for his partner. He begins by saying that the affection did not come about because his partner taught him lots of "cool stuff" or because his partner is "good police."

The concept of "good police" is central to the entire series and requires a serious digression. We learn by inference that "good police" refers to someone who poses a real threat to substantial criminals.

"Good police" has nothing whatsoever to do with following police rules or any other rules.

The hero dismisses his partner's being "good police" as a cause of his affection, but he doesn't explain why he dismisses it. This concision is possible because the assiduous viewer will have already come to understand that the hero couldn't feel affection for a cop who wasn't good police. Being good police is a necessary but not a sufficient condition for his affection.

The hero goes on to give the reason for his affection and uses a sexual metaphor that's surprising in light of the fact that both characters are heterosexual: "When it came time to (f-word) me, you were gentle." The metaphor seems to refer to a specific incident in the relationship between an experienced cop and his inexperienced partner, but we are not told what the incident was. What we have here is a bold shorthand, an elegance of elision, but what can we make of it?

Because of the choice of metaphor, we know that the intensity of the incident was equivalent to the intensity associated with the loss of one's virginity. But the beauty part -- concision-wise -- is that the facts of the incident, the specific details, are unimportant to the point being made and, of course, already known to the partner to whom the speech is being addressed. The choice of words here, police vernacular, is realistic. The dramatic choice of metaphor and the stark concision of expression are just the opposite of realistic. They are poetic.

"The Wire" is similar to "The Sopranos" in its use of what might be called "mixed characters," good guys with some really bad character traits and really bad guys with good character traits. The "hero" of "The Sopranos" is a bad guy who's true to his code. The hero of "The Wire" is a good guy whose code basically cuts him an awful lot of slack.

Strange that a show of such grim subject matter and tainted characters can give us complete aesthetic delight and spiritual uplift. The power of dramatic art.

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**Despertando a la Realidad**

La semana pasada recibí una llamada telefónica poco después de las seis de la mañana. Me pregunté quién sería el que me estaba llamando a esa hora ya que el número no aparecía en el identificador de llamadas. Total que contesté el teléfono y lo primero que escuché fue un "¿cómo estás?" al cual yo le respondí que "muy bien".

Automáticamente pregunté "¿y tú?". Era un amigo de Chicago que siempre es medio exagerado ya que me respondió "ay pues yo aquí me estoy muriendo, fíjate que he tenido diarrea por una semana y he perdido como 40 libras, fui al doctor y me dio unas pastillas pero no se me quita". La noticia me sorprendió ya que solo tres días antes había hablado con él y no me comentó nada. Debido a que estoy más o menos informado y sé cuales son los síntomas del

SIDA le pregunté que si se había hecho la prueba del VIH alguna vez, él me respondió con un categórico [no, nunca].

Esa llamada que me despertó tan temprano y que de cierta forma me alarmo debido a que esta persona es uno de mis mejores amigos, me hizo despertar a la realidad. Hasta hace unos días, solo un amigo del que yo no sabía nada de su estatus me sorprendió con una llamada similar pocos días después de haber salido del hospital y diciéndome que había sido diagnosticado con SIDA. La llamada de la semana pasada me hizo recordar que desgraciadamente, la comunidad Gay sigue siendo uno de los blancos más importantes de las nuevas infecciones de VIH y/o

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# POLITICS 2002

by Mark R. Kerr

## 'Thank You Raul'

Candidates vying for the Republican and Democratic nomination for Governor squared off in a live, television debate on Sunday, August 26, sponsored by the League of Women Voters and several media organizations. One hour was given to the Republican candidates and the Democratic candidates were given the same time to field questions from the media, the audience and each other. During both portions of the live telecast, questions pertaining to Gays, Lesbians, and legalizing same sex marriages were posed to the candidates, and the Republican candidates - Secretary of State Betsy Bayless, former Congressman Matt Salmon and State Treasurer, Carol Springer didn't respond while the Democratic contenders - Dr. Mike Newcomb, Dr. Mark Osterloh, former legislator Alfredo Gutierrez and Arizona Attorney General, Janet Napolitano, responded. Newcomb and Gutierrez, trailing Napolitano badly in the polls and with nothing to lose, said they support legalizing Gay marriage and civil unions, while Napolitano stated her opposition, as well as Osterloh, who is running dead last in polls.

Napolitano, the very-likely nominee, doesn't want a repeat of what happened to Eddie Basha in 1994. Basha, the grocery magnate, was the Democratic gubernatorial nominee in 1994 and was leading the Republican incumbent, Fife Symington, when he expressed his support for same-sex marriages in an interview before the November general election. Symington and the Republicans pounced on this statement, running a hate campaign which turned the election in Symington's favor. This by no means is a justification or defense of what was stated during the debate, something that is disappointing but is a part of Arizona politics. Does this mean the issue is dead in Arizona? Hardly, since many businesses and companies now have extended benefits to the domestic partners of same-sex employees. Although, when it comes to the recognition of same-sex relationships by government, there is one person to thank, Raul Grijalva.

Flash back to March 26, 1997, it was then Pima County Supervisor Raul Grijalva who put the issue of government, Pima County's, recognizing Gay and Lesbian couples in a committed relationships by extending medical and dental benefits to the same-sex, domestic partners of county employees. During consideration of the issue, Grijalva stated it was "an equity issue," and afterwards he commented that it wasn't "the decision of the board to judge a relationship but to extend equal coverage... it's simply fairness." By a 3-2 vote, Pima County's Government became the first governmental entity in the state to legally recognize that committed, same-sex relationships exist and that they should be afforded the same rights as heterosexual couples.

This action by the Board of Supervisors faced an immediate challenge from the Pima County Attorney, who immediately filed suit to block the decision. It was Raul Grijalva, who got a majority again to hire an outside attorney to represent the Board in court to defend its vote. Three hundred and fifty two days later, on Friday, March 13, 1998, Superior Court Judge Alan Rinker upheld the county's decision to recognize that same-sex relationships exist and that they were within their prerogative to extend medical and dental benefits to the same-sex domestic partners of county employees. Yet another suit followed, and it

was Grijalva, who got the Board again to go to court and defend it, successfully.

Many governmental entities, including the cities of Tucson, Phoenix and Tempe, followed suit, extending benefits to the same-sex domestic partners of their employees. It was Raul Grijalva who blazed the trail for this, because of his belief in fairness and equity, something that Gay and Lesbian residents of Pima County, and Arizona owe him a debt of gratitude, especially this year, the five year anniversary of this monumental event.

Flash forward to the present, Grijalva is running for the Democratic nomination for the U.S. House of Representatives from Congressional District 7, and his belief in fairness and equity is as strong as ever, especially on Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender (GLBT) issues - strongly supporting a federal employment non-discrimination act, as well as a federal hate crimes law, more federal funding for HIV/AIDS programs and research, as he puts it: "I have always been guided by the belief that public service is about providing a voice to the voiceless. I am honored to have been a working member of numerous coalitions and advocacy groups that have successfully championed progressive community agendas."

For more information about Grijalva's campaign, visit his website at: <http://www.grijalva2002.com> or call (520) 629-0050 or toll free, (866) 472-8502. The primary election is Tuesday, September 10, and it is paramount to GLBT voters, in Congressional District 7, across Pima County and the state to go to the polls and vote.

## Wingspan Dinner

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raised. The newly formed Task Force immediately set out to revise the City of Tucson's Human Relations Ordinance to include gender identity as a protected category and to increase the penalties that employers would face if they violated the ordinance. Mayor Miller worked very closely with the newly formed Task Force, devoting a substantial amount of both his and his staff's time to ensuring that it was successful in bringing about these reforms.

Before leaving office in 1998, Mayor Miller advised the GLBT Mayor's Task Force about the pros and cons of transforming that body into a City Commission. When the members of the Task Force decided that they wanted to become a formal City Commission, Mayor Miller worked with them to make certain that it happened before his term expired. Since leaving office, George and Roslyn Miller have continued to support our community by regularly attending LGBT functions and events.



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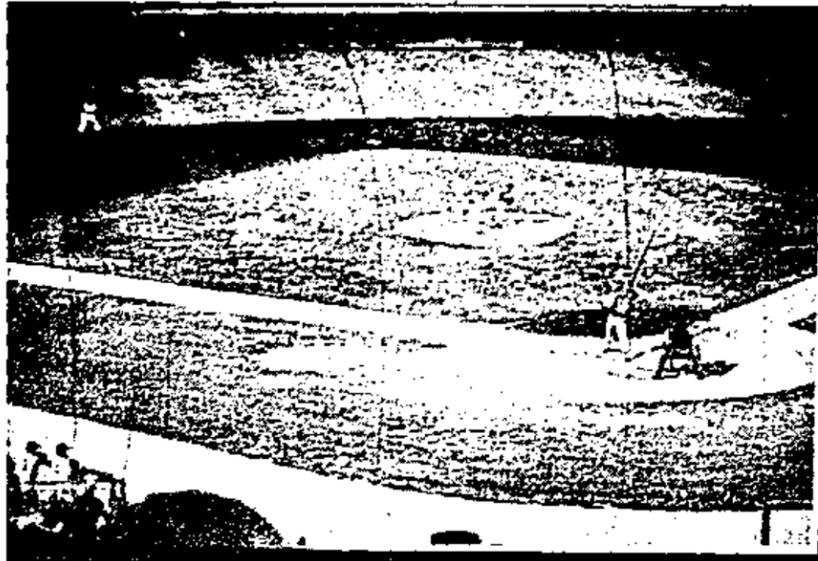
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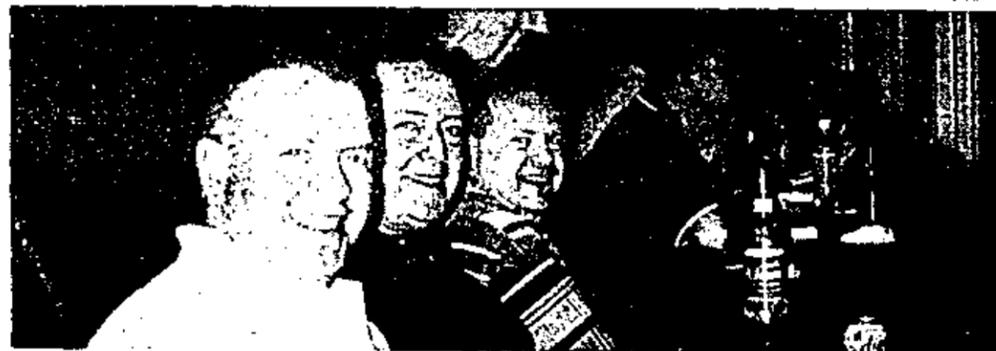
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# HOROSCOPES

BY C. LICHTENSTEIN

The Sun ambles into precise and perfect Virgo this week in a clean getaway from that theatrical Leo reign. We get down to business and I mean get down! Do you prefer the featherduster or the vacuum cousin?

**ARIES**

**MARCH 21 - APRIL 20**

The Sun moves into Virgo and all Gay Rams can't help but feel robust, perky and all levels of cocky. So what else is new? Use the next weeks to move those mountains, push those plateaus and rush those rivers. Start a new exercise regime or take a sidelong look in that mirror and forgo the extra dessert. Or partake of desserts with no calories. Anyone we know, sugar?

**TAURUS**

**APRIL 21 - MAY 21**

Queer Bulls are feeling their creative muse and anything that has to do with fun and frolic. You are inspired and simply inspirational and need to find an outlet for all that pent up zest. If you find yourself craving a party or five, pack the chips and dip and thank your lucky stars for the Sun in earthy Virgo. Boogie till the rest of the bulls come home. ... or just come.

**GEMINI**

**MAY 22 - JUNE 21**

More is never enough when the festive Sun ambles into Virgo. Proud Twins are contemplating their next big move and can't help but envision themselves in a pink palace. Why not, cousin? Use the next four weeks to enliven, expand and enrich your home environment. What color is your new sofa? Bring the family into the picture and don't forget to focus and smile.

**CANCER**

**JUNE 22 - JULY 23**

Speak your mind when the expansive Sun tips into practical Virgo. Heck, make that a broadcast! Queer Crabs wax eloquent and can make their opinions known... and accepted. So what are you waiting for comrade? Take it to the streets, take it to the mountains and take it to the shores. This is the time to speak loud, proud and queer. We are listening.

**LEO**

**JULY 24 - AUGUST 23**

We may be headed into bear market territory but the glorious Sun in conservative, pernicious Virgo can pull you through any tough financial times. The secret is to buy low and sell high... or something like that. Gather your pennies, check the bottom line and wait for the opportunity to get back into the action, proud Lion. In the meantime, try to remain as well endowed as usual.

**VIRGO**

**AUGUST 24 - SEPTEMBER 23**

This is time of year for you to shine. The Sun in your own sign signifies new beginnings, fresh approaches, interesting new people and all sorts of new stimuli in your life. It is expansion, balance, growth and optimism. Good, Gay Virgo! Get off your duff and get Out there and meet and greet! It's time to put the "sin" back in synergy and the triple "x" back in xxxcess.

**LIBRA**

**SEPTEMBER 24 - OCTOBER 23**

The Sun in Virgo opens up your closet and exposes all your secrets to the immediate world. Thank the stars for the liberation lavender Libra, and make the most of this affirming energy. Remember, you are idling in a no parking zone so rev your engines, negotiate those falling rocks and dangerous curves and avoid any detours. Full speed ahead, and I don't see any limit.

**SCORPIO**

**OCTOBER 24 - NOVEMBER 22**

Your date book fills up. Friends come out of the woodwork when the festive Sun traverses into friendly Virgo. Rainbow Scorps find themselves engulfed by the social swirl. Get caught up in the action cousin; this is the time to run with the herd rather than sit by the sidelines. And who knows what can happen when a few good heads work as one. Ahem.

**SAGITTARIUS**

**NOVEMBER 23 - DECEMBER 22**

If you have been feeling a little jittery about your career prospects, worry no longer queer Archer. The optimistic Sun steps into contemplative Virgo and sets your sights on a corporate course to success. Well, it's about time. There is nothing that you cannot accomplish so rely on the solar surge to catapult you to the upper echelons. Watch your head cousin!

**CAPRICORN**

**DECEMBER 23 - JANUARY 20**

If you have been feeling a bit more expansive recently, it may be time to pack your bags, book your flight and take note of the Sun in Virgo. Pink Caps feel the need to scratch their itchy feet and see the world. As long as you are aloft, try floating a few global opinions and see where they take you. I suspect they can take you far... or closer than you ever thought possible.

**AQUARIUS**

**JANUARY 21 - FEBRUARY 19**

Even aloof Aquerians can't help but fan the flames of passion when the Sun penetrates Virgo. You have the urge to merge. What poked you in your coals, stoker? Ah but why ask why? Use the next four weeks to test your limits, satisfy your appetite and create some important connections. The liaisons you create now have long term impact. Or at least it will seem that way...

**PISCES**

**FEBRUARY 20 - MARCH 20**

This is the time of year to spend more time and effort on the important relationships in your life. Guppies ache to connect when the Sun is in Virgo. If you are still at sea, use the next four weeks to set sail for fertile waters. I suspect you will get caught! If you are already on the hook, let your partner know how much they mean to you. Something expensive may do the trick.

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**EDITOR:**

For those of you that did not attend the Tucson Sidewinders Baseball Benefit for TIHAN last Sunday night, you missed out on a lot.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank some of the people that made that fun night possible. First Alan McLaughlin and Dominic Miller, once again they came thru for our community by helping us secure the Luxury Skybox for free, enabling us to make a bigger donation to TIHAN. In addition to that, they also made the donation for the cash bar which was set up in the skybox for our convenience. Alan and Dominic, this would not have been possible to put on this event without your help. I am truly grateful.

Terry the bartender from Woody's, Peter, the bartender from IBT's, all of you need to make sure you go patronize them for their help and support in selling the tickets for this event. Bob and Gary from the Observer, thank you for the free advertising. Rodney, poster extraordinaire, thanks for your assistance.

Gary and Linda, they can sell raffle tickets to anyone anywhere, I'm grateful that your effort help increase our donation. Their raffle ticket sales enabled us to give an additional \$133.00 to TIHAN while our lucky winner, Manny won the other half of the pot of \$133.00.

Mr. Zucker, owner of the Sidewinders and Brian, the group sales manager, thank you for putting on a class act, the food and atmosphere where fantastic, and we all appreciate the donation of the Luxury Skybox.

Natalie, for helping with those last

minute ticket sales, your always a trooper. Thanks. Scott and the TIHAN staff, thanks for the support and help with ticket sales.

Finally and most importantly, thank you to all that attended. Your support of TIHAN will go to help a wonderful cause that we all must remember the hard work they do for our community.

This is the third year that this event has taken place, it has grown bigger and more fun each year. Should we continue this event next year, I encourage all of you to attend the event.

Finally, please remember to support those that support our community, it's not up to someone else, it's up to each one of us to take responsibility and help out, you never know when you may be on the other end.

Dave Locke  
Tucson, AZ

P.S. Thanks to the Sidewinders and the 51's for a great game.

DEAR EDITOR - To the staff at La Cocina Restaurant - Jeff, Craig, Lillian, Eddie, and all the employees - thank you so much for making my birthday celebration the shot in the ass that I needed!

I have memorized all the faces, so please don't expect thank you notes. To the chef, fantastic! Thank you, it lives in my heart. I'm Looking forward to the next "employees meeting",

G.N. Clark

P.S. Next time put the 'closed' sign out, Jeff.

## GENDER PRIDE BY JONI K. MAUSSE

Next Monday will be a holiday to honor our working men and women. Hopefully that includes working Transmen and Transwomen. How can we best do all the above?

First of all, we can agree that everyone deserves a right to earn a decent living, regardless of gender, sex, sexual orientation, age, ethnicity, or physical limitation. And that none of these factors should have any influence on a person's opportunities in life; nor should any of these factors influence how a person is treated on the job. Note that Tucson is still the only municipality in Arizona where discrimination based on gender identity is illegal.

Secondly, we might note that an employee's genitalia are none of the employer's business and must not influence how that employee is treated. Likewise, an employee's private life off the job is none of the employer's concern, regardless of how the employee dresses when off-duty, or whom he or she lives with, has sex with, or associates with.

Thirdly, we might agree that all employees, regardless of sex or gender, have a right to appropriate toilet facilities on the job. If employers choose to have segregated restrooms for "men" and "women," they should understand that each employee will use the restroom that he or she feels is appropriate for his or her gender. If the employers have a problem with that, then they need to consider providing unisex restrooms that employees of all

sexes, genders, and physical abilities may use in privacy and dignity.

The rights of Transgendered people in the workplace are a major concern of Alexander John Goodrum's TGNET Arizona. He'll be sponsoring a series of workshops on the subject starting in October. For more information contact [www.tgnetarizona.org](http://www.tgnetarizona.org). Or write [Atwork@tgnetarizona.org](mailto:Atwork@tgnetarizona.org). The voicemail number is (520) 622-4700.

Workplace issues might also be discussed at the SAGA monthly meeting, which will take place at 7:00 p.m. this Monday, Labor Day, at Wingspan, 300 E. Sixth Street; though there will be a number of other items on the agenda. This could likewise be a good topic for the Tuesday night Gender Outlaws discussion group, also at 7:00 p.m. at the same location. Will I see you there?

Note that the above editorial opinions are my own, not necessarily those of TGNET Arizona, SAGA, Wingspan, or the Observer. You can write me at [jonikmausse@yahoo.com](mailto:jonikmausse@yahoo.com). Thanks, Sweetie!

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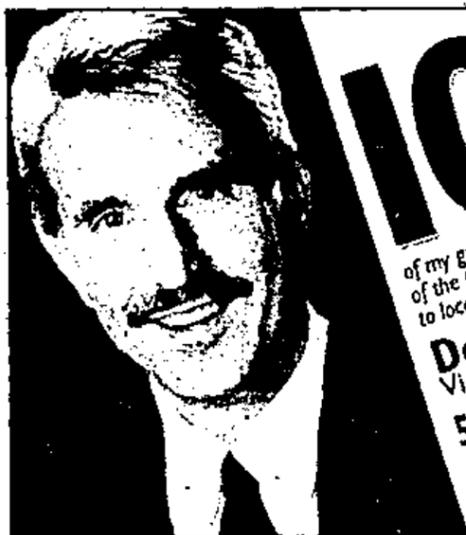
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## A View From The Rock

A Commentary From Cornerstone Fellowship

We had a sermon on pride last week and it got me to thinking. Pride is a strange and rather unique thing. We have pride in ourselves, pride in our country, even pride in our work and in those cases, pride seems like a good thing. Who doesn't enjoy being on the receiving end when someone takes pride in his/her work and then gets to reap the benefits?

But the message on pride was one of warning. You see there is a dark, ugly side to pride. It so easily enters our lives and can almost instantly turn a caring, loving person into an arrogant, mean-spirited being. Think about the last time you felt proud of yourself. If you felt pride in something you accomplished that's a positive thing. If you felt as though you were a better person than someone else because of what you accomplished, then the pride was negative. See how easily those two can become mixed up?

God tells us in the Bible that He

hates pride. We also read that pride will only lead to a fall and ultimately, destruction. Pretty harsh words but oh so true. We are each called by God to live humbly and to offer love to others. Yet if pride be our leader, then each one of us will fail under God's expectations. Pride will keep us from giving to others and can keep us from receiving all that God wants to bless us with.

Pride is definitely something we each need to be aware of and keep in check. Remember, you can't be prideful and humble at the same time. You can't be generous or encouraging while tearing someone down. And we can't praise God while we're busy making ourselves seem important.

If anyone had the right to be prideful it was Jesus. But he never was. In fact His only description of his own character was, "I am gentle and humble of heart." I know that I'm going to take my cue from Jesus... how about you?

## Laugh It Off

By Frieda Goodholm

### 'Crabby People'

So my good friend Millie called me up the other day. Seems as if she's got a bit of a problem and she wanted some advice. For some reason she thought I would be knowledgeable on the subject. Seems she's got an itch that's scratching.

"Frieda, you've got to help me, I just don't know what to do!" she said hysterically, as if she'd spent the morning being chased by someone trying to sell her a Watchtower magazine.

"Well slow down Millie and take a breath. It sounds like you've got ants in your pants!" I had no idea just how accurate I was.

"Frieda, I've...caught something...from a man. You see, this morning, I was...well, I was...sitting on the toilet..."

Uh oh, I thought. Stories about a person sitting on a toilet NEVER turn out with a happy ending.

"...and I looked down, and saw these...spots...all around my...yoo-hoo."

Ah, my friend Miss Vanilly, she is flawless. She can tell me about sitting on the toilet but couldn't come up with a more adult euphemism than "yoo-hoo".

"At first I thought they were just ingrown hairs..." I realized this conversation was getting more unpleasant by the second. "...but when I scratched at them, they wouldn't go away. So I got a tweezers, and...they're alive! They have little tiny legs and look like little tiny crabs!"

Dear Millie is just too dense to realize they got their name for a reason. So going along with her, I simply suggested she harvest them and turn a profit selling them to Red Lobster. She was less than amused.

But then again, who would be in the mood for a joke immediately after finding bugs in your...love patch?

I tried to reassure her that having crabs isn't really a disease so much as it is a nuisance. They're sort of, to the world of

STD's, what Fran Drescher is to the world of acting. And they are treatable...but how?

"Does it itch?", I asked Millie.

"Like crazy! And I haven't felt this unclean since I saw Boys Don't Cry! I've been showering like crazy, but they're still there!"

I suggested shaving.

"And be bald...down there? No way!" So I guess Nair was out of the question.

So we made a call, and a visit, to the local pharmacy. Seems the treatment really isn't so bad, mostly just lather, rinse, repeat, repeat, repeat. I was talking Millie through the entire traumatic process, and she did fine...until she got to the comb.

"I'm not combing through every single hair I have...down there...looking for...bugs...with THIS!" With that she held up what looked to me to be a Barbie accessory. A very tiny comb, apparently for very tiny people with very tiny heads of hair. Millie is not tiny.

Well, with her stubbornness getting in the way of the traditional treatment, I was at a loss for ideas. But stubborn Millie solved the problem her own (uncomfortable) way.

"I fried the little buggers!" I was afraid for a moment she was going to tell me she set her poor little yoo-hoo on fire.

"I went down to the Y and just sat in that whirlpool until they were all gone." I suppose that might be more pleasant than using the midget comb, but "until they were all gone" took 10 hours. I don't even want to do something that feels good for 10 hours. And pity the poor saps who used it after her.

So I guess the moral of the story is watch where you put your yoo-hoo. Enough said.

Best,  
Frieda Goodholm

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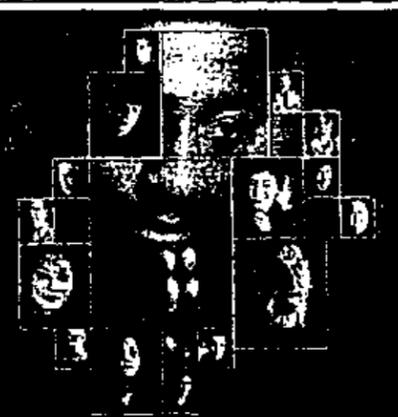
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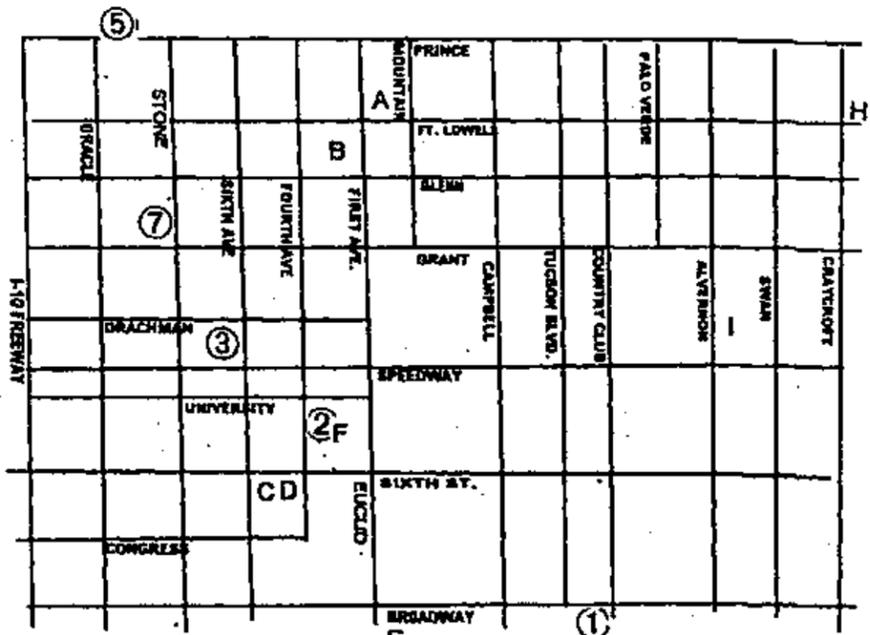
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Teams will consist of three indi-

viduals, and three games will be bowled. Since this is a handicap league, average is not important, only having fun is.

On the first night, Wednesday, September 4, a league meeting will be held, starting at 8:00 p.m., to go over league business - form teams, review the rules and other pertaining matters. Bowling will start at 9:00 p.m. that night, and every Wednesday on the schedule. 323-6449.

Dear Dr. X,

I am a 34-year old Latin gay man. For over 12 years I have been in and out of the closet for various reasons. I had a relationship for several years but had to leave my country and get away from my family. Now that I've relocated to Tucson, I'm trying to get in touch with my gayness in this country. I am now living alone and going out of my mind just trying to figure out where to start. What can I do?

New in Town

Dear New in Town,

Starting over at any age and in another place can be both scary and exciting at the same time. At 34 you're at a great age to be rediscovering your gayness. You are going to find that Tucson is very open to the GLBT community. There are several service organizations, bars, and social groups that can help you acclimate yourself here. I would advise you to go to Wingspan and check out the calendar of events they have posted there. I would also check the events listing in the Observer. Good luck and Welcome to Tucson.

Dear Dr. X,

I ran into an ex (we were together

for three years) the other night and after talking for a while we both agreed that there was still something there. We do not want to end up getting back together just to end it again. Any ideas on how we should proceed. We both want to see how this can redevelop.

Smitten again

Dear Smitten,

The fact that you are communicating and are interested in restarting up a past romance is a positive sign. But before you jump into this, Stop! I would first look at the reasons you broke up over first. Have situations changed? If not you're already headed in the wrong direction. How long have you been broken up for? Is either one of you seeing someone and have to end a relationship to get back together? I would take it nice and slow. As a wise man once said... be aware! Those who do not learn from their mistakes are doomed to repeat them!

[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.]

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**La Conexión Latina**

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diagnósticos de SIDA. Aún no sé que onda con mi amigo ya que no se ha hecho la prueba del VIH y tal vez su diarrea y pérdida de peso pueden ser la causa de una infección en el estómago o algo así. Pero la sola idea que él puede ser VIH positivo me hace pensar que nuestra comunidad esta muy lejos de estar inmune a esta epidemia que nos está matando lentamente.

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## Non-Bar Calendar

Groups / Clubs / Organizations

### SATURDAY, AUGUST 31

#1. Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. Bill will host Pinochle Night. If you don't know how to play, but would like to learn, this is the place. For more information, please call Bill at 297-3589.

### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 1:00-5:00 p.m. Jerry & Les invite you to join them for a Labor Day Pool Party and Game Day. If you don't swim, you can play any assortment of games. For reservations and directions, please call Jerry or Les at 690-9565.

#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. Carl hosts the Tucson Stockmen-an investment club spun off from MSN. If you'd like to know more, please call Carl at 331-4238.

Tucson Prime Timers Lunch Wildcat House, 1800 N. Stone. 622-1835

### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

Tucson Prime Timers Video Night - 7:00 P.m. Non pornographic movies with Gay themes are shown. Phone: 740-0620 - David Eyde

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

#1. Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:30 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 881-5733.

#2. Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. Join us for our monthly Potluck and Social Gathering where we invite you to have dinner and get to know the nice guys of MSN. It's a nice, safe setting in which to meet new men and great old friends. For directions, please call Jerry at 690-9565.

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

Gay and Lesbian Film Nite at St. Philips in the Hills Episcopal Church (N.E. corner of River and Campbell). 4:00 p.m., "Melon Woman"; 6:00 p.m., "Big Eden"; 8:00 p.m. "All Over The Guy". \$5.00 donation will benefit Wingspan and the Arizona AIDS Policy Alliance. In the East Gallery. Free refreshments. For more information call Susan at 299-6421 or Jeff 318-4468.

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 4:00 p.m. Art & Jeff host a Dinner & A Movie at their home. They supply the burgers and you supply a side dish. The movie is "Eban & Charley", about a young man involved with an older man. For reservations and directions, please contact Jeff or Art at 762-8135.

### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

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

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

### TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

#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 John'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 John at 743-8138.

### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

#1. Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 1:00 p.m. Join Les as they guys of MSN try out a new place: The Keys. For reservations and directions, please call Les at 690-9565.

#2. Mike will be hosting an afternoon of bowling on Sunday, September 15. Reservations must be made by today's date. For more info and reservations, please call Mike at 75-7427.

Calling all Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Jews: Join us for an Apples & Honey Rosh Hashanah Celebration. 7:30 p.m., hosted by the Gertrude Stein Salon. For location and additional information call 388-5531 or e-mail: mensrdh@wingspan.org. Please bring partners, family, friends and a pareve or dairy dish to serve.

### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

AVIV, the Jewish GLBT Chevurah, is having their monthly Shabbat services beginning at 7:30 p.m. in central Phoenix followed by a wonderful Oneg. Partners and friends and family are always welcome. Call the AVIV INFO-Line at (602)952-1812 for more information and locations.

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

#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 881-5733.

## BAR CALENDAR

OF UPCOMING EVENTS

### FRI-SAT-SUN-MON, AUG. 30-31/SEPT. 1-2

IBTS - It's Anniversary time here with a four-day party over Labor Day Weekend. Special party Friday, Saturday and Sunday, and, of course, Monday Morning Madness on Labor Day, Monday, September 2. Watch for more details next week!

### THURSDAY, AUGUST 29

VENTURE-N - Labor Day Weekend starts early here with \$1.00 Schnapps shots all weekend plus it's Steak Nite from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Bring your meat or buy it here, they'll do the rest.

### FRIDAY, AUGUST 30

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - Latin Night here. \$1.50 Tequila shots and \$2.50 Tequila Sunrise. 8:00 p.m. to close. Music with DJ Hill. 9:00 p.m. to close. No Cover.

IBTS - It's IBT's Labor Day Disco Party Weekend - 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Party combined!!! Tonight it's Live Jazz with Susan Artemis on the patio and then GoGo Boys starting at 10:00 p.m.

VENTURE-N - Labor Day Weekend Tom and Tattered Party!

### SATURDAY, AUGUST 31

IBTS - It's IBT's Labor Day Disco Party Weekend - 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Party combined!!! Tonight it's Saturday Night Fever disco nite with rare door prizes at 8:00 p.m.

VENTURE-N - Labor Day Weekend Party continues with Bloodies and Screws on the Patio with Nic from 6:00 a.m. until 10:00 a.m.!!!! Plus Breakfast with Carmen from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Then, the big Jungle Party tonight 7:00 p.m. to closing. Get your costumes and come on down! Party! Costume Contest at 9:30 p.m.

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

IBTS - It's IBT's Labor Day Disco Party Weekend - 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Party combined!!! This afternoon it's Tea Dance from 4:00 to 9:00 p.m. Karaoke on the patio with Billy Dee starting at 4:30 p.m. 5:00 to 7:30 p.m. Buffet; 8:00 p.m. Showtime with Lucinda Holiday, Faith Michaels, Lady Ashley and Tari Aki. 9:30 p.m. Dance Time with Tim Outland guest DJ from Phoenix plus special door prizes.

VENTURE-N - Labor Day Weekend continues here with Boss Burgers on the patio from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. plus it's Miller Promo Nite. 7:00 p.m. fun and games...

YARD DOG - A big "Country Carnival" is in the works here. It starts at 2:00 p.m. and runs to whenever. Food, games and featuring Country music and Country dancing! Yee Haw!

### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 2 - Labor Day

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - Annual Labor Day Cook-in with free food from 4:00 p.m. until gone. Happy Hour 2:00 to 7:00 p.m. with 2-4-1 wells and domestic beer. Free Pool 8:00 to 10:00 p.m. and 50¢ draft beer from 8:00 to closing. No Cover.

IBTS - It's Monday Morning Madness again!!! The fun begins at 11:00 a.m. with the show hosted by Lucinda Holiday with Bunny FuFu, Janee Starr and Samantha White. Party!

VENTURE-N - Labor Day Weekend winds down with a "Splash Party" all day plus a Labor Day Picnic from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.

YARD DOG - Labor Day Bar-B-Que will be served from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Come on by.

WOODY'S - Labor Day Community Bar-B-Que served from 2:00 to 7:00 p.m. Burgers or chicken with salad. Plus pick-up volleyball. 9:00 Karaoke with Billy Dee.

### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

IBTS - 9:00 p.m. "DivaLicious" Show hosted by Lucinda Holiday and starring Diana Flair, Lady Ashley, Faith Michaels and Veronica Hallowell.

#2. Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. Marv will host Pinochle Night. If you don't know how to play, but would like to learn, this is the place. 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.

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

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 2:00 p.m. Mike hosts an afternoon of bowling. For more info, please call Mike at 75-7427.

### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

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.

To commemorate the end of the High Holiday, AVIV, the Jewish GLBT Chevurah, will host a Break The Fast gathering at 6:30 p.m. Partners and friends and family are always welcome. Call the AVIV INFO-Line at (602)952-1612 for more information and locations.

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

Tucson Prime Timers Dinner - 6:30 P.m. Lupita's Tequerias, 1535 N. Stone Ave.

## Daily Bar Calendar

### Sunday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - Open 2pm. Beer Bust 5-10, \$1.25 pitchers Bud or Bud Light. Latin Music with DJ Hill 9pm to close. Drink & Shot specials all night.

IBT's - 10am-6pm \$1.75 Bloodies, Screws or Mimosas. 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 Hi energy dancing. (Call for details). All drink specials not available during special events.

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

WOODY'S - Open 11am. \$1.50 Bloody Marys, screwdrivers, Mimosas; 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 - Open 2pm. Happy Hour Two-For-One domestics and well 2-7pm. Free pool 8-10pm. 50¢ cups draft Bud & Bud Light 8pm to close.

IBT's - Open 11am. Happy Hours 11am-8pm, \$2 domestic beer and well. 4-9pm. Hot dance with DJ Rayman Under Morida with Jay. Happy Hour prices for those in their undies 9pm-close. Queer As Folk show 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 6am. 50¢ off any Scotch until 7pm. Kennel open daily at 5pm.

### Tuesday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - Open 2pm. Happy Hour Two-For-One domestic beer & well 2-7pm. Pool toumey 7:30pm. \$3 entry, bar matches pot. Country music 9pm to close. \$2 bottled Bud products 8pm to close.

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, Mai Tai's.

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

### Wednesday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - Open 2pm. Happy Hour 2-4-1 domestic beer and well from 2-7pm. 90s retro music 9pm - close. \$1.25 pitchers of Bud/Bud Light or \$1 Tequila shots 8pm to close.

IBT's - Open 11am. Happy Hours 11am-8pm, \$2 domestic beer and well. 9pm "Diva-Licious" show w/Lucinda Holiday and guests. HiNRG 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 Fetish- leather nite with Michael \$1 off your favorite drink. Chili dogs or bowls \$1.

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

### Thursday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Open 2pm. Happy Hour 2-7pm with 2-4-1 domestic beer and well. Karaoke 9-close, with \$2 Kamikazes and \$1 Hot Sex.

IBT's - Open 11am. Happy Hours 11am-8pm, \$2 domestic beer and well. 4-9. Retro 80s 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 NTH game wins special prizes. Free Pool 8 to close. Volleyball Court is Open. See bartender.

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

### Friday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Open 2pm. Happy Hour 2-7pm with 2-4-1 domestic beer and well. Music with DJ Hill 9pm - close. Shot and drink specials all night. No cover.

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 Rayman 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 6-7pm.

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 6am. 50¢ off any Gin until 7pm. Kennel open daily at 5pm.

### Saturday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Open at 2pm. Pool Tournament 6:30pm \$3 entry. Bar matches pot. \$2 pitchers for pool players. DJ Hill 9pm-close. Drink & Shot Specials all night.

IBT's - 10am-8pm \$2 domestic beer and well. Dance Party 9-1 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 4-9pm. \$1.75 well or domestics. Patio Bar opens 5pm. 5-9pm Filet Mignon or Swordfish BBQ with all the trimmings \$5.

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



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NOTICES

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

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

P.F.L.A.G. - Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays - is a support group available to anyone who has a son, daughter or friend who is Gay. Call 575-8660 or write P.O. Box 38264, Tucson, AZ 85740-8264. All replies confidential.

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

YOUNG AND GAY?

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

The TUCSON Chapter of PRIME TIMERS WORLDWIDE invites Gay or Bisexual men and their admirers to join and share Prime Timers fellowship. We welcome mature men (and admirers) who wish to become involved with planned and future Prime Timers activities. Meetings luncheons and dinners are held monthly. For dates, times and information call 890-4813, leave name and phone number.

TUCSON GAY INFORMATION AND REFERRAL For information on human service organizations, health and mental health services, financial and government assistance, emergency services such as food and shelter, education, etc. Call Information and Referral 681-1794 - 8 am - 5 pm Mon. - Fri.

AIDS HOTLINE - 328-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 6:30 - 8:00 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.

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 (806 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.

SOURCES UNLIMITED, a Lesbian & Gay referral service. Business and individual listings are free of charge. All information available to anyone just simply by asking. 322-5655. Leave message. TucsonSources@aol.com

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

ATTENTION ALL NUDISTS - Tucson Tanners is a nudist group open to all - Nude activities scheduled both indoor and outdoors. Not "Gay Only", but Gays are welcome and invited to join. For further information send SASE to: Tucson Tanners, P.O. Box 84-G, Cortera, AZ 85852.

INNER WISDOM - Try hypnotherapy for pain relief, past life exploration and addiction release. Also available: Spiritual Counseling and Dream Interpretation. 578-9020

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

LAMBDA CAR CLUB, a social organization of Gays and Lesbians who share interest, information and fellowship involving all cars and trucks. New Southern Arizona Region now in Tucson. Call the HOTline at 885-5541

LESBIAN AND GAY AL-ANON - Affected by someone's drinking? Meeting every Tuesday 8:45 to 9:45 p.m. at Lambda Center, 29-10 E. Thomas, Phoenix, Erie 581-8650 or Ronn 968-2384.

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

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

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

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T-SQUARES Lesbian and Gay square dance club meets every Tuesday from 6:30-9:00 pm. at Cornerstone Fellowship Social Hall, 2902 N. Geronimo (near 1st Ave. and Laguna). Open to All. Call Liz at 325-9466 or Ray at 749-5247.

LIGHTNING LIGHTING will provide lighting for AIDS and related benefits at no charge. For more info call Adrienne at 888-7298.

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 Priestly! For more information call Debbie 579-9627 or David 323-7943.

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

DESERT VOICES, Tucson's Gay & Lesbian Chorus rehearses Monday evenings from 8:30 to 9:30pm at Armory Park Senior Center, 220 S. 8th Ave. Call 791-9662.

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 890-9565 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 299-6647.

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 881-4582 for more information or sign up.

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

TUCSON PRIDE, INC. meets on the second Tuesday of the month at 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

LEARN TO BE A LISTENING FRIEND Unique Hospital Volunteer Program teaches listening skills to Volunteers who provide a safe/compassionate environment to at-risk patients. Training every 6 weeks. 894-7083.

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

TUCSON INTERFAITH HIV/AIDS NETWORK (TIHAN), a coalition of faith communities committed to a compassionate response to HIV/AIDS, provides HIV education in congregational settings, volunteer Care Teams to support HIV+ persons, a referral network of HIV-sensitive clergy, and interfaith services of healing and hope. For more information call 289-6647.

LESBIAN/GAY/BI-SEXUAL OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS. Saturdays 1 to 2pm new location Wingspan, 300 E. 6th St. Contacts 325-6676 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 791-7876.

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, 1436 N. Campbell across from University Hospital. For more info. Call Anabel at 325-0882

SMART (Self Management And Recovery Training) is 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

SENIORRAP, a discussion group for older LGBTs, meets from 3 to 5pm on the last Sunday of every month at Wingspan, 300 E. 6th St. For more info call 640-0620

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

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

OUTLOUD! Tucson's premiere Local Lesbian and Gay Radio Show, broadcast every Wednesday at 6:03 pm on 91.3 FM, Community Radio KXCI. The show "This Way Out", a nationally syndicated Lesbian and Gay radio show is aired at 5:30 pm every Wednesday.

THEATER / DINNER / ETC! Non-Smoking Lesbian Network meets every 3rd Saturday night of each month. If you'd like to meet women 35+ (flexible) and socialize in a smoke-free environment 688-8010 before 10:00 p.m. The group dines out and attends shows or movies. Now in their 16th year! (2nd in Tucson)

SOUTHERN ARIZONA GENDER ALLIANCE (SAGA). Meetings on the 1st Monday, 7pm. Desert 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. SAGA email@aol.com http://members.aol.com/sagaeatmail

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 602-279-4805.

DESERT DOMINION TUCSON'S 100% CONSENSUAL, Pan-Petish, Pan-Sexual, Informational, Educational, Safe Space for the B&D, S&M, D&S and TV community. For more info call (520)792-8424 or http://www.deserddominion.org

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 Merlo 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)534-6219 (Phoenix)

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

TUCSON CATHOLIC GAY & LESBIAN FAMILY MINISTRY. Currently meeting the 4th Monday of every month at SS Peter & Paul Church, Madonna Hall 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Fr. Fiedler in attendance every meeting and willing to speak one on one. Reaching out to Parents and Families. For more info call Doc or Barbara 283-6624.

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

LUTHERANS CONCERNED - Tucson chapter for Gay/Lesbian Lutherans meets 4th Sunday, 6:30 p.m. each month at Santa Cruz Lutheran Church, 6809 S. Cardinal Ave. For information visit www.lutucson.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.

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

"OUT ON THE TRAILS" - EQUESTRIAN FUN! Rider Club forming. Looking for women and men to ride together on the trails of Southern Arizona. Must have own horse, truck and trailer. For more info write: "Out On The Trails" P.O. Box 44045, Tucson, AZ 85733-4045

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 780-8714 for more information.

SUPPORT GROUP FOR RECOVERING ADDICTS AND ALCOHOLICS. Group meets every Saturday 7-8pm in Cornerstone Fellowship hall, 2902 N. Geronimo. 622-4626 or 750-8404.

SOUTHERN ARIZONA STONEWALL DEMOCRATS meet 3rd Monday of each month 7pm at 4639 E. First Street. Call Jesse 743-4320 or Maurice 323-2293. All LGBT Democrats and supporters welcome. Tucsonstonewall@aol.com

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