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Observer Primary Election Recommendations

TUCSON (ON) - On Tuesday, September 10, Arizonans will go to the polls to decide their party's standard-bearers for the various political offices up for consideration this year. The Observer has compiled a list of recommendations for the races on the 2002 primary election ballot:

U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CD-7

Elaine Richardson,
Raul Grijalva (D) -
Either Candidate Is Acceptable
No Recommendation (R)

U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CD-8

Mary Judge Ryan (D)
No Recommendation (R)

GOVERNOR

Janet Napolitano (D)
No Recommendation (R)

SECRETARY OF STATE

Chris Cumiskey (D)
No Recommendation (R)

ATTORNEY GENERAL

Terry Goddard (D)
No Recommendation (R)

STATE TREASURER

Ruth Solomon (D)
No Recommendation (R)

SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

Rod Rich (D)
No Recommendation (R)

ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION

(TERM ENDS 1/3/05)
- TWO SEATS)

George Cunningham, Roland James (D)
No Recommendation (R)

ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION

(TERM ENDS 1/1/07)
- ONE SEAT)

No Recommendation (D)
Roberta Voss (R)

LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT 25

Senate - Marsha Arzberger (D)

House - Bobby Lugo, Mark Majorana (D)
No Recommendation (R)

LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT 26

Senate - Toni Hellon (R)

House - Pete Hershberger,
Steve Huffman (R)

LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT 27

Senate - John Kromko (D)

House - Jesse George,
Olivia Cajero Bedford (D)

LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT 28

Senate - Gabrielle Giffords (D)

House - Ed Poelstra (R)
Tod Downing (D)

LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT 29

Senate - Ramon Valadez (D)
No Recommendation (R)

House - Linda Lopez, Victor Soltero (D)
No Recommendation (R)

LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT 30

Senate - No Recommendation

House - Mike Langmead (D)

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Anti-Gay Group Faces New Charges

MIAMI, FL - The Miami-Dade Elections office has cited the group fighting to repeal the county's Gay civil rights amendment with at least 16 violations of state campaign finance laws and has warned the group that it faces additional scrutiny and possible sanctions from the Florida Elections Commission.

The Miami Herald reports most of the 16 citations against Take Back Miami-Dade were for missed deadlines in the filing of financial statements. Other violations include failing to provide required signatures and failing to provide complete financial information on required paperwork.

Assistant Elections Supervisor Gisela Salas, who oversees compliance issues for the county office, said she intends to refer these infractions and others to the state Elections Commission, which has authority to levy sanctions. "There's definitely reason to turn them over to the elections commission," she said, "which I will do."

On September 10, Miami-Dade voters will decide whether to repeal a provision in the County Code that extends protections against discrimination to Gay men and Lesbians. The amendment, added to the county's human rights ordinance in 1998, prohibits housing and job discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation.

Opponents of the repeal effort say the new problems, though small, are part of

a pattern of illegal tactics employed by anti Gay campaigners. The new violations come less than a week after several arrests were made on allegations of felonious petition fraud.

"The lack of compliance in Take Back's treasurer's reports are just one example of their disregard for the law in their attempt to legalize discrimination," said Hedy Peña, executive director of the Gay civil rights advocacy group SAVE Dade.

Campaign finance records indicate the group has missed every quarterly reporting deadline since Jan. 31, 2000, when Take Back registered as a Political Action Committee. A total of 10 reports were filed late, and election officials say they still failed to source nearly \$6,000 in unaccounted expenditures.

Meanwhile, Arnesto de González, the lawyer defending the four Take Back officials charged with petition fraud, made headlines when she claimed that Miami-Dade was being taken over by a "homosexual, Bisexual and transsexual mafia."

She said that charges her clients falsely witnessed and notarized scores of signatures on some Take Back petitions were "bogus." Said de González, "This is the work of the homosexual, Bisexual and transsexual mafia that wants to destroy our families and take away the right of every Dade County citizen to vote."

Mayor Bloomberg Signs New DP Law

NEW YORK, NY - Mayor Michael Bloomberg signed a groundbreaking bill that extended the city's domestic partnership benefits to same sex couples whose marriages are recognized in other countries or who enter into legally recognized civil union or DP arrangements elsewhere in the U.S.

The law used to require legally registered same-sex couples who moved to the New York to re-register as domestic partners and then wait a full year before being eligible for limited rights such as access to health insurance benefits. Under the new law, such couples are eligible immediately.

"If you move from the Netherlands, we can't say, 'We recognize you as Mr. and Mr. Smith who are husband and

husband,'" said Council Member Christine Quinn, the bill's primary sponsor, after the 34-7 endorsement of the bill earlier this month. "But we can say, 'We will convey to you all the rights and benefits we convey to New York City residents who have registered as domestic partners as soon as you move to the city - without having to re-register.'"

New York City's DP law extends hospital visitation rights, apartment succession rights, insurance benefits and various licensing and permit privileges when conducted on behalf of the domestic partner. Municipal employees registered under the DP law are eligible for a number of spousal benefits, such as bereavement leave and medical and dental benefits.

"I think it's a big deal symboli-
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UPDATE

Wingspan Annual Dinner Saturday, September 21

TUCSON (ON) - On Saturday, September 21, Wingspan will be holding their annual dinner, 6:00 p.m., at the Tucson Convention Center, 260 South Church Avenue.

For this year's event, the keynote speaker will be Keith Jennings, the executive director of the Gay, Lesbian, Straight Educators Network (GLSEN). Comedian Jason Stuart is the featured entertainment for this year's event. In years' past, this event has had previous keynote speakers as Urvasi Vaid, then executive director of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force and Riki Wilchins, executive director of Gender PAC.

Wingspan also uses the dinner to recognize local contributions to Gay and Lesbian equality with the presentation of the Godat Award. This year's winner of the Godat Award is Mr. Bob Ellis, Editor/Publisher of the Observer. Also to be honored are Jim Sincov who is the recipient of the Hall Award for his commitment and dedication toward advancing the mission, values and work of Wingspan.

The 2nd annual Community Ally Award is being presented to ex-Mayor George Miller. 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 and as Mayor from 1991 until 1999. As one long-time community activist put it, "George Miller was there for our community long before it was fashionable to do so."

Even with all that, the primary goal of this event is to raise funds for Wingspan, which the proceeds from this help to keep Wingspan open six days a week, so that people can use their services, including: its cyber center, library, programs - such as their domestic violence project and for Wingspan to continue hosting their monthly forums, covering a wide variety of subjects.

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

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: mcredith@wingspan-az.org.

Wingspan Opens New Meeting Facility

TUCSON - Wingspan has opened a new annex located at 739 N. Fourth Avenue.

According to officials with the organization, this new space will be utilized as a meeting space for the various GLBT groups that have used prior at Wingspan's main location, located at 300 East Sixth Street. A reception is being held for the new facilities, Thursday, September 5.

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

Registration Now Available For AIDS WALK 2002

TUCSON - Registration materials are now available for AIDS WALK 2002 to take place October 20 at Rillito Downs. AIDS WALK, 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 AIDS WALK, 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 AIDS WALK will provide food, care supplies, case management, volunteer peer support, outreach programs, and so much more!

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

Registration is easy through the AIDS WALK website at www.aidswalk-tucson.com or by calling the AIDS WALK 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.

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.

On October 21, the drawing will be held at the PFLAG Phoenix support meeting at Palo Christi Presbyterian Church located at the southwest corner of Lincoln Drive and 36th Street. PFLAG Phoenix invites the public to join us that evening at 7:00 p.m. for the support meeting and the drawing (which will be held at 9:30 p.m.). Winner need not be present to win. Proceeds from the raffle will benefit PFLAG Phoenix's Safe Space Program which is an all-volunteer outreach program to Valley schools to encourage and assist school administrators, faculty and students to provide a "safe space" for Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgendered and "questioning" students.

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.

Gay & Lesbian Film Night Sept 7

TUCSON - St. Philips in the Hills Episcopal Churches Gay and Lesbian Ministry will be holding it's 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.



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More Wedding Pages Welcome G/L Couples

NEW YORK, NY (GFN) - Most American newspapers do not run same-sex "wedding" announcements. Only around 100 papers out of 1,500 nationwide publish reports of Gay and Lesbian unions, wedding announcements or commitment ceremonies, according to The Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Discrimination, or GLAAD.

"Things are beginning to change, but this is a very slow process," said John Sonogo, a GLAAD spokesman.

Until last week, the Washington Post, Chicago Tribune and San Francisco Chronicle were the only leading national dailies to publish Gay and Lesbian unions. Then came an announcement from the grand old lady.

As a barometer of what's happening - and what may be a sea change in policy for papers around the country - none other than the venerable New York Times announced last week that "all the news that's fit to print" would include same-sex union announcements. The announcements will begin next month in the paper's Sunday Styles section.

"In making this change, we acknowledge the newsworthiness of a growing and visible trend in society toward public celebrations of commitment by Gay and Lesbian couples - celebrations important to many of our readers, their families and their friends," said Howell Raines, executive editor of the Times.

Echoing the inclusive change in society, this week New York City's mayor Michael Bloomberg signed a bill extending the city's domestic-partner benefits to

same-sex couples visiting the city who are joined together in a legally recognized relationship.

The law covers Gay men and Lesbians from cities and states that have domestic-partnership laws or recognize same-sex unions as well as nations that legally recognize Gay relationships.

To receive the city's domestic-partner benefits—which include hospital visitation rights and health benefits—visitors must show a certificate indicating they have legally registered their relationship back home.

The move by a newspaper as prominent and tradition-steeped as the Times may motivate many smaller newspapers to follow suit and include same-sex commitment announcements.

Conservative groups perhaps predictably criticize the trend, saying it elevates same-sex weddings to the same status as heterosexual marriage and legitimizes a sexual orientation they claim most Americans still don't approve of.

But media experts disagree with the conservatives who base their criticism of Gay unions on biblical teachings and not on polls that show a preponderance of Americans are in favor of equal treatment for Lesbians and Gay men.

Kevin Noonan, a Gay sociologist who follows Gay trends, says the shift in the newspapers editorial policies reflects the societal shift, which is becoming more accepting of homosexuality as same-sex couples gain legal protections and job benefits - benefits many Americans see as

fair. "As more Americans have come to realize that that their neighbors and co-workers who happen to be Gay don't have equal access to basic American rights, it sets the ground for change - and our newspapers are beginning to reflect that shift in attitude," says Los Angeles-based Noonan.

Some small papers would seem to agree in theory, if not in practice.

Dennis Brunner, publisher of the weekly Southern Utah News in Kanab, Utah, told The New York Times, "I'd just say it's a fairness issue. If a man and woman wanted one, I don't know why we wouldn't allow a Gay couple."

The Dallas Morning News is another paper beginning to form a policy on Gay unions. "We will have people who will say, 'The New York Times' is doing this, will you do it?'" said the paper's executive vice president Fritz Pikes.

Larger newspapers, like The Washington Post, which runs wedding announcements as paid advertising, has offered Gay couples the option of announcements in a "Celebrations" section for three years. So far, though, no such announcements have run.

The section, which features birthdays, retirements and similar events, publishes on a different day than the wedding page.

Commitment ceremonies do not run on the wedding page because in Maryland, Virginia and Washington, same-sex

ceremonies are not recognized as legal ceremonies," according to Post spokeswoman Lisa Jaczko.

"It's an interesting argument, but a bit fulsome," says Noonan. "People typically invoke legalities as a way of justifying all kinds of behavior. In all likelihood they're wary of offending conservative readers in Washington. I don't blame them for being concerned but they should at least be honest about it."

GLAAD recently announced it is launching a national campaign to sway more publishers to include Gay unions, including face-to-face meetings with newspapers in the nation's 100 biggest media markets.

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Gay Cubans Struggle Under Castro

HAVANA, Cuba - It's been more than a decade since the release of the groundbreaking Cuban film, *Strawberry and Chocolate*, offered the Gay community living there hopes for a brighter and less repressive future. But as the Dallas Morning News reports, such dreams remain frustratingly out of reach.

While the Gay community in China, for example, is finding new found freedoms, Gay clubs and discos are still forbidden in Fidel Castro's socialist paradise. Gay magazines and Gay organizations are banned.

The community relies solely on clandestine gatherings (called "floating parties") organized in abandoned warehouses or open fields and spread by word of mouth to scrape out a sense of shared experience.

Most of those willing to speak with the newspaper said things are better than they used to be. The machismo that is part of every Latin culture but is especially pronounced among Cubans has grown more relaxed in its attitude towards Gays.

"I think we're accepted by society," said one young man in his 20s who requested anonymity, "but not by government and definitely not by the police."

Many think the stubborn adherence to official relaxation comes from Castro himself. In justifying the establishment of camps in the mid-sixties, Castro told an American journalist: No Gay person will ever "embody the conditions and requirements of conduct that would enable us to consider him a true revolutionary, a true communist."

Some hard-line Soviet-style policies began to soften in the mid-'70s, and by 1979 Cuba had decriminalized consensual sexual activity between men. In 1987, the

government prohibited police from harassing people based on their clothing or appearance, but like many things in Cuba, what the law says and how it is enforced are two very different things.

After the 1992 release of the movie *Strawberry and Chocolate*, there was some liberalization by the government. It rescinded its policy of forcible quarantine for people testing positive for HIV, most of whom were Gay. And in 1994, the Cuban Association of Gays and Lesbians was founded.

But three years later the government disbanded the group and arrested its members in advance of a nationwide crackdown. In August of '97, some 800 people were arrested when authorities swept into El Periquitón club; Spanish filmmaker Pedro Almodovar and French designer Jean Paul Gaultier were among them.

Victor Fowler, a Cuban scholar and author, told the Morning News that while there is a vibrant community in Cuba, it's often difficult to see. "Right now there is no place for Gays to go, and when a Gay club opens up, the authorities usually close it down."

The threat of police discovery, harassment and arrest is constant. Officers routinely stop and question people they suspect of being Gay and need no pretext to do so. "Most of us don't cause any trouble," the anonymous 27-year-old said. "We're not violent. We go to parties to dance and drink, not to break the law..."

When pressed, police say they are only acting on orders to curb prostitution, which is rampant in modern Cuba, but Gay Havanans scoff at the claim there is no Gay-targeting involved. "You sometimes see girls and pimps on street corners, but the police pay little attention to them," he said. "They go after the Gays."

Red Cross Expands 9/11 Reforms

NEW YORK, NY - The Empire State Pride Agenda announced the American Red Cross is making permanent disaster assistance guidelines that guarantee Lesbian and Gay domestic partners have the same access to its relief efforts that married couples receive.

Harold Decker, CEO and Interim President of the Red Cross, made the new policy public in a written reply to appeals from New York City Council Members Christine Quinn and Alan Gerson to make the new guidelines used in the wake of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks permanent.

The guidelines developed around 9/11, they wrote, "greatly increased domestic partners' and same-sex couples' ability to receive assistance from the Red Cross." They requested they "be made permanent and extended to all future disasters."

Decker agreed. "The guidelines that we used successfully in New York should be adopted more broadly as a permanent procedure of our organization," he wrote. He further indicated guidelines for all Red Cross chapters would be revised to reflect the new policy.

"We praise the Red Cross for its decision to make permanent the policies and guidelines that resulted in needed assistance going to all who suffered the loss of a loved one that terrible day in September, regardless of sexual orientation."

The Bulletin issued to all American Red Cross chapters nationwide restates the definition of immediate family and then provides a list of those fitting the definition.

"Once we made the Red Cross aware of what was happening to some Gay surviving partners applying for assistance, they worked hard to resolve the problems and then make the necessary changes in policies ... to correct the situation," said Grabarz.

"We have only the highest regard for how the Red Cross responded to the concerns of the Lesbian and Gay community in New York City region. They listened; they understood; and, they took action."

"We believe the decision to make them permanent across all chapters was a wise one and will help avoid a repeat of what initially happened here."

"This action by the Red Cross brings real meaning to its stated commitment to using a broad and inclusive definition of family when distributing assistance to all those who suffer due to a disaster or emergency," said Joe Grabarz of the Pride Agenda.



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Possible Candidate For LAPD's Top Job Is Gay - So What?

David J. Kalish describes himself as one of those lucky few who has succeeded in a career he loves, while enjoying an enviably stable and happy personal life. He is in a long-term relationship with a Thai man, and he dotes on his 3 1/2-year-old son, born to a Lesbian friend through artificial insemination.

Over lunch, Kalish shows off a batch of photos of his young crime fighter, wearing a cape and an effervescent smile, and he describes the close relationship he and his partner, a Buddhist, enjoy with the boy's mother, a Latina, and her Lesbian partner.

"It's L.A.," he says. "It all kind of works."

But Kalish, who is 49 and a police officer, has one more major life goal: He wants to be the next chief of the Los Angeles Police Department. And, in a vivid sign of the changing times here, he appears to have a serious shot at what is one of the most visible law enforcement jobs in California and the nation.

"Dave Kalish being where he is is living proof that the LAPD is ready for a Gay chief," said Jack Weiss, a prosecutor and now a member of the Los Angeles City Council.

During his 27 years as an officer Kalish, who is now a deputy chief of the deeply troubled, scandal-weary department, has gained a reputation not so much as an openly Gay cop — many members of the force do not even know of his orientation — but as a highly able commander and a consummate coalition builder, as comfortable in the City Council chambers as he is in the police locker room.

He also seems to be one of the few among the dozens of candidates for the \$240,000-a-year job who appears to be not only well-liked both inside and outside the department, but to have made no major enemies along the way.

"He's commanded thousands and thousands of officers, and he's always been successful," says Weiss, a staunch supporter. "Kalish is known for having a strong relationship with everybody. His orientation just is not an issue."

The five-member civilian Police Commission is expected to send out invitations for formal interviews to a dozen or so candidates, and though highly regarded, Kalish is not guaranteed to be on the list.

While he is supported by some powerful people here, there are plenty who oppose him, either because they believe only an outsider can turn the embattled department around, or they do not want a new leader who was close to Bernard Parks, the former police chief, ousted earlier this year after a bitter fight. Kalish was promoted to deputy chief by Parks, and for a time served as his spokesman.

But none of the opposition appears related to his sexual orientation or nontraditional family life. In fact, not only is this Gay man (who is also Jewish) in serious contention, but there are at least two strong female candidates for the top job at an institution once proud of its image as the most macho group in a macho world.

The final decision will be made by the mayor, James Hahn, probably in late

September, and it will likely involve some careful political calculations, particularly around issues of ethnic politics. But such a diverse array of serious candidates dramatizes how profound social changes are finally influencing an institution as traditionally insular as the Los Angeles Police Department.

Rick Caruso, president of the Police Commission, said he had no doubts the force would accept a Gay or female chief.

"I absolutely don't have a problem with anyone's sexual orientation or ethnicity or anything else," said Caruso. "I think it all comes down to quality."

The Police Protective League, which represents the LAPD's 9,000 officers and played an extremely influential role in the ouster of Parks, has not endorsed any candidate, only expressing a desire for an insider who will be free of the past and open-minded. Mitzi Grasso, the union's president, said the rank and file had been impressed at how open the process was and that candidates like Kalish were being welcomed.

"The race really is open — wide open — and I don't think Kalish's orientation matters to anyone, or the gender of the other candidates," Grasso said. "He strikes a great image for our department, as do many others."

Kalish describes himself, like many police officers, as having been obsessed with the idea of being a cop since childhood. "I just knew what I always wanted to do," he said. "It wasn't something I debated."

He progressed through the ranks — as a patrolman, a detective, and in various squads ranging from vice to the gang and anti-terrorism units — rarely thinking about how his sexual orientation might affect his career because, as he put it, "it took me some time to figure out who I was."

In fact, he said, all he knew earlier in life was that "I was different." Still, he dated women, and only slowly came to realize he was Gay. He tried to hide his orientation for years, but he knew there were rumors, and he did suffer some discrimination from other officers. But, he added, it never amounted to a rigid barrier against advancement. Most important, he says, his struggle with his own identity came at a time when an insular, elitist LAPD was becoming more progressive.

For years, the department was almost all-white and run with tough, top-down efficiency by conservative, highly independent chiefs who commanded officers as bland as Sgt. Joe Friday. Anti-Gay and anti-female attitudes were not uncommon. Kalish said he endured the prejudice quietly, even when some vice squad officers surreptitiously maintained surveillance on his home at night.

"Given the environment, I was extremely discreet," Kalish said. "But I don't want to make myself out to be a victim because I wasn't really. The department was changing a lot, and it paralleled my own process of realizing who I was."

There is a statewide organization now of Gay police officers — the Golden State Peace Officers Association — and

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

'Yard Dog Hosts Holiday Festivities'

Hello, fellow readers! I hope that everyone had a safe and happy holiday - both here and abroad. With our country looking at a possible war that has no true resolve in sight, it's good for us to go out and remember those who allow us to have the time for fun. It's funny that Labor Day is a holiday that is not celebrated for its true reason. Those of us that have to work on the holiday make light of the situation, some even joking that they are working on their holiday. It is one of the few holidays this country has that is dedicated to most of us. Those of us lucky enough to not have to go to work on that day, know that we are few. The city never sleeps, and neither do all the people who make it run. Every year I acknowledge the work force who does not get a day off for Labor Day.

biggest crowd as his legendary hair was soon to be lathered in white from patrons and fellow employees alike.

Labor Day brings yearly traditions that we hold dear at both the local and national level. We remember the work force that makes our country as strong as it is. It's those folks that the holiday was first commissioned for all those years ago. Other annual traditions include cookouts, parades, and of course the telethon to benefit those who suffer from muscular diseases. The first Monday in September also represents the end of summer for most folks, especially those who are on the East Coast of our country. Since school is already in full swing, it's not as much of a marker for us in the Old Pueblo, so we make due with other festivities to remember the holiday dedicated to the working folk.

The evening hours got most of the patrons together in the two bars available, to talk and reflect of the holiday and many other issues. The Old Pueblo is inhabited by a military base that has first response responsibilities. We know when the local news puts out an alert on personnel returning to duty, that it will not be long before the whole country is involved in military action abroad. Being former military, I can remember Labor Day being a regular duty day. I once stood watch of my ship as it was docked in Spain. We had Spanish nationals tour that day and I had the pleasure of playing tour guide for the visiting dignitaries. One of them asked a question regarding our holiday and what it meant to us who were working on the day dedicated to the working folks. I explained that I was proud to work on Labor Day because I knew that my working meant that my family and friends back home would be able to enjoy the day off.

Last Sunday, The Yard Dog was converted into a barn as it hosted a country fair. Both the inside bar and outside patio were utilized to give the place the air of a true country residence. Bandannas lined the walls and the entire staff was donned in their best overalls. Patrons got into the act as folks entered with their cowboy garb on. Country music filled the air from the juke box. The crowd started early and filled the establishment to make for a fun atmosphere. The benefit was represented by all groups, each into the spirit of both the holiday and the event.

Most of us in Tucson know the importance of the military around the world, not just in our country. The men and women who hold the fort both here and abroad are doing the laboring for all of us. I don't know if I will ever see a world of peace before my time comes, but I know that I live with a lot more assurance knowing that all over the world, we are protected in ways that most of us will never question. Labor Day is as much for them as it is for all the working force of our country, no matter what the vocation. The time they invest in what they do will always be overshadowed by our freedom, but should always be appreciated in the work we do here. The best 'thank you' we could give our fighting force is for them to come home to a country that is working as hard here as they did wherever they were.

As the majority of the crowd spent the time indoors during the day (who is going to be out there when its 102 degrees in September), they took turns outside to take part in the games and food available on the Yard Dog's outside patio. Events included a balloon burst for prizes, and palm reading done by TKO's own Trish (in her best cowgirl outfit, and towing a horse to boot). The event that caught the attention of most patrons, though, was the pie toss. Each member of the bar's staff took turns placing their head into a cutout, allowing participants to hurl shaving cream pies at them. At times it seemed that the main competition was obtained from the other bartenders as they all took turns in attempting to mess up their co-workers face with the shaving cream. Rick Corley drew the

My next story will reflect on last year's tragedy. I am asking the readers to write to me via the email address above and give me their views of the day that most of us will remember as the worst in our history. I will add them to my column and give my own words to make for a dedication of sorts. 'Til next week, take care and see you out there in our town.

Mayor Bloomberg

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cally because it's New York kind of going as far as we can in relationship law," Quinn told reporters. "It's also a big deal because it's New York City trying to make relations as equal as we possibly can."

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POLITICS 2002

by MARK R. KOTT

'Ten Reasons'

Less than a week away, Tuesday, September 10, is Arizona's 2002 primary election, where those voters who didn't use the novelty of early voting, will actually go to the polls to decide who will be their party's standard bearers for many political offices up for consideration this year.

Since this is not a "presidential" election year, many people will not bother to cast a ballot in this election, this may include Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender (GLBT) Arizonans - which would be a shame for at least ten reasons:

1) State Representative Ed Poelstra, (R-Tucson); 2) State Representative Steve May, (R-Paradise Valley); 3) State Representative Ken Chevront, (D-Phoenix); 4) Jesse George (D); 5) Jack Jackson Jr. (D); 6) Sam Wercinski (D); 7) Peter Moraga (D); 8) Robert Meza (D); 9) Thom Von Hapsburg (R); and, 10) Wally Straughn (D) - all openly Gay candidates for the Arizona Legislature.

Nine of these individuals are running for seats in the Arizona House and state Representative Chevront is seeking a seat in the State Senate from Legislative District 15 in Phoenix but if GLBT Arizonans don't go to the polls and vote, this opportunity to make history will be lost, even in the primary election, since the opposition party in many of the legislative districts are not fielding candidates, so the winner of the primary election will take the seat, plus some of these districts have a huge voter registration advantage towards one political party or another, that the general election will also be a foregone conclusion.

Think about it, Arizona the new bastion of progressivism, with the highest number and percentage of openly Gay state legislators. Ahead of the Golden State, the Empire State and every other state as well. It's not just a dream though but a possibility that can be achieved if the votes are cast.

So the polls will open across Arizona, Tuesday, September 10, and the remaining votes will be cast. It's time for GLBT Arizonans to get in that proverbial line and cast their votes as well, especially for the above 10 candidates for Arizona's Legislature, so that a statewide employment non-discrimination act, domestic partners registry, expanding the current hate crimes law to cover misdemeanors and to end the censorship of the discussion of HIV in the state's public schools can become a reality.

For more information about their voter registration, in Pima County, call the County Recorder's office, (520) 740-4350. Persons can call the Arizona Secretary of State's office, toll free, (877) 843-8683 or call their County Recorder's office to their questions answered:

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GENDER PRIDE BY JONI K. MAUSSE

By "pride" I don't mean conceit or arrogance, but rather the struggle to overcome shame, learn to accept oneself, and hopefully come out of the closet. That kind of pride is challenging for almost any transperson to achieve. It's especially difficult for a male who loves women, but also likes to wear their clothes.

It's been estimated that for every Gay man who likes to dress en femme, there may be as many as ten heterosexual male crossdressers. Most often these are professional men with wives and families, seemingly straight, but with a shameful secret compulsion. Shameful, because the heterosexual world seldom honors Transgenderism, but more often mocks it.

Even when the crossdresser gets beyond his own shame, he often has a wife or girlfriend whose approval he desperately seeks but may never get. How can he convince her that he's not going to run off with another man, that expressing his femininity isn't a rejection of hers, or that loving him doesn't automatically make her (horrors!) a Lesbian? There are several associations designed to help crossdressers with these issues.

Of the many organizations of crossdressers, perhaps the oldest and largest is the Society for the Second Self, better known as Tri-Ess. Their emphasis is on heterosexual, especially married, males who crossdress. In addition to debunking popular myths about crossdressing, they go to great lengths to distinguish themselves

from drag queens or female impersonators. If, in the process, they occasionally overstate the differences to the extent of making inaccurate and semi-homophobic statements about drag queens, we might try to understand this in the above context. There's no malice involved here, only ignorance.

The Tri-Ess website is www.tri-ess.net. Some of their literature is available at Wingspan. The local chapter, Tau Upsilon, has a site also: www.geocities.com/tauupsilon. They're having meetings at members' homes on September 14 and October 12. To be invited you need to have a personal interview with the First Lady: Cactusdwlr@aol.com. The newsletter editor can be reached at sassi@SassiAnne.org.

Meanwhile, the Desert Girlz will be meeting at Wingspan next Monday, the ninth, at 7:00 p.m.. People with any male-to-female inclinations, including crossdressers, are welcome to drop by. MTF admirers are welcome too. For information write www.sagatucson.org, or call 624-1779. This Sunday, the eighth, at 7:00 p.m., the Miss Carousel Pageant will be held at Clarion Hotel, 102 N. Alvernon Way. The \$5 admission goes to Wingspan. Call 320-0001 for reservations.

Questions? Comments? Write me at jonikmausse@yahoo.com. See ya, Sweetie!

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EDITOR:

As you saw in the photo spread and as you read from Dave Locke's letter, the skybox benefit for the Tucson Interfaith HIV/AIDS Network (TIHAN) at the Tucson Sidewinders' game on August 25 was a great success, and a ton of fun.

Dave's letter graciously thanked the individuals, the businesses, and the Sidewinders organization and staff. Dave even thanked TIHAN for our help and support! In fact, Dave Locke is the person who deserves a lot of credit for producing this event again this year. We had record attendance (over 60 people) and it raised a record amount of money to support TIHAN's programs (over \$700), and we had a record amount of fun!

TIHAN is truly blessed to have people in the community like Dave Locke and all those who helped sell tickets and give so generously of their time and energy, even though they get nothing in return for all this work. Well, actually, I guess what they get in return is the satisfaction of a job well done, thanks and hugs from all those attending the event, pats on the back and a big thank you from TIHAN, and most importantly, the knowledge that because of their efforts, people they may never meet will benefit by receiving support from TIHAN. People living with HIV--people who you may know or maybe people you might never get a chance to meet--will receive meals or toiletries or advocacy or visits or financial assistance. Maybe the partner who is serving as a caregiver will get some volunteer help during the rough times. Maybe someone's life will be touched in a powerful way through one of the many services TIHAN provides due to our generous volunteers and friends in the community who help us raise funds. I know this for a fact, because I see it every day. Thank you Dave and everyone who participated in this benefit for TIHAN. I cannot say it enough: you make a difference, and we are grateful. I hope we can look forward to another Tucson Sidewinders benefit game again next season!

With appreciation,
Scott Blades
Executive Director, TIHAN
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Hospital Error May Blur Hate Crime Case

RIVERSIDE, CA - A man who was stabbed in a suspected hate crime outside of a Gay bar may have died from a drug given to him in a hospital emergency room.

The revelation could make convicting the five alleged gang members charged with the murder more difficult.

A coroner's report says Jeffery Owens, 40, was given 100 times the allowable dose of heparin, an anti-clotting drug, after he drove himself to the Riverside County Regional Medical Center for his stab wounds.

On June 5 Owens and a friend were leaving Menagerie, a Riverside Gay bar, when they were accosted by the alleged gang members. Owens was stabbed five times and his friend, Michael Bussec, 48, was punched.

According to the Los Angeles Times, doctors at the hospital considered Owens' wounds moderately serious, and they gave him a transfusion of his own blood. One of his doctors instructed a nurse to give Owens the heparin. Both the nurse and the doctor did not know the proper dosage. The nurse told the coroner's office she called the hospital's blood bank and pharmacy, but they didn't know the proper dosage, either. She gave him the drug anyway.

Owens had surgery for his wounds after getting the drug, but a few hours later he was rushed back into the operating room, with doctors thinking he was bleeding internally from a missed stab wound. He died soon after.

Prosecutors, who are aggressively pursuing hate crime charges, say the revelation of what happened in the hospital does nothing to change the case. According to the Riverside Press-Enterprise, the district attorney's office argues the reason for the hospital visit was the actions of the alleged gang members.

"They are still responsible," Riverside County Deputy District Attorney Anne Corrado said of the assailants. "He (Owens) would not have been in the hospital if not for the stab wounds. He would not have been bleeding if not for the stab wounds."

Attorneys for the five suspects say what happened in the hospital could be a huge opportunity for their clients.

"It is something we are going to want to look at more closely," defense attorney Michael Belter told the Press-Enterprise. Belter represents one of the five accused murderers. "It may have an impact in respect to the ultimate cause of death."

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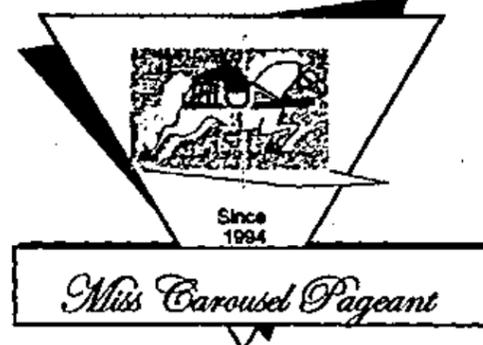
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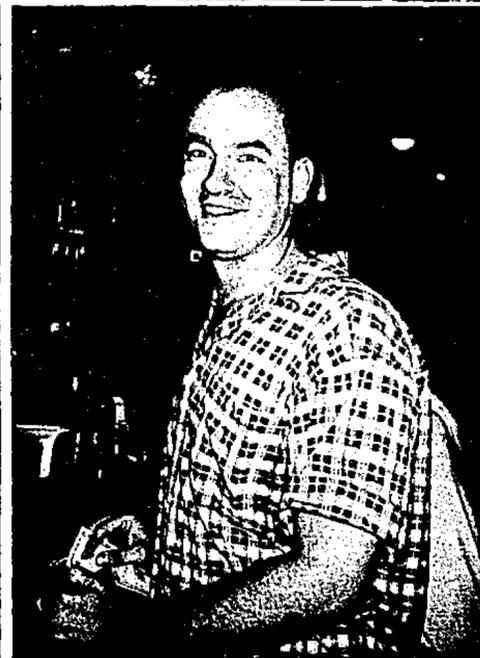
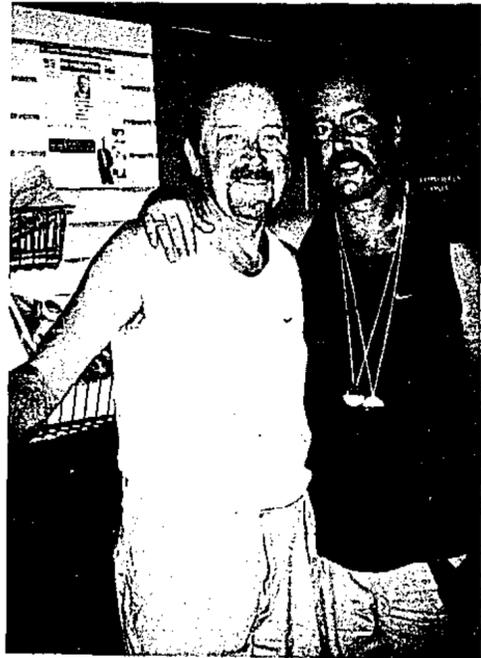
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Moises Kaufman is a born outsider. The son of Eastern European Holocaust survivors, he was raised as an Orthodox Jew in deeply Catholic Venezuela and had nowhere to turn in that macho society when he began to realize, at age 9, that he was homosexual.

Eventually he turned to the theater, and today the 38-year-old critically acclaimed director and playwright is credited with two of the most widely produced plays in American regional theater - *Gross Indecency: The Three Trials of Oscar Wilde* and *The Laramie Project*. Both explore society's treatment of homosexuality and what that treatment says about society.

At the moment, Kaufman and the Tectonic Theater Project that he directs are under attack in a dispute that surfaced last week at the University of Maryland. The school plans to distribute to students 10,000 copies of *The Laramie Project*, a documentary-style kaleidoscope of the Laramie, Wyo., townspeople's reactions to the 1998 murder of Matthew Shepard. The 21-year-old Gay college student was beaten by two local men, tied to a fence post, and left to die.

A conservative group, the Virginia-based Family Policy Network, says the school is trying to force students to view homosexuality from a biased perspective, and has threatened a lawsuit to block distribution of the play. The school, which has invited Kaufman to speak there Nov. 5 and 6, also plans a production of the play.

"How many more Matthew Shepards have to die before we can get past this conversation?" Kaufman said during an interview in his two-room Upper West Side office. "Here you have this young boy being murdered and they're using this horrific event for publicity. ... They're using it to say homosexuality is wrong."

COMMENTARY

An Unlikely Provocative Target

Protests of public school reading assignments have become almost a ritual; recently the same conservative group that is protesting UM's plans unsuccessfully sued the University of North Carolina over its assignment of a book about the Quran, claiming unconstitutional religious indoctrination.

Those who know Kaufman and his work say he is an unlikely target. His work may be provocative, they say, but it presents wide-ranging and often conflicting points of view.

"He enters public discourse, he joins in with what are likely the big debates of the moment and speaks to them," said Tony Kushner, a prominent playwright and friend.

Gross Indecency and *Laramie*, he says, are epic in scope with multiple viewpoints about contentious subjects - an approach in the tradition of Bertolt Brecht and William Shakespeare.

"He's a Gay man and obviously has strong feelings about oppression and bigotry and stupidity that Gay people have to face all the time," Kushner said. Yet there's a generosity when Kaufman puts the pieces together that somehow manages not to exclude or caricature, he added.

"In *Laramie*, so many people seem so nice in the play, you think, how is it that this kid got slaughtered here? Where is the evil? It asks the question, but in a way great drama refuses to do, it refuses to answer."

Kaufman learned at an early age

how to handle people's stares - which he encountered every Sabbath as his family, dressed in heavy Orthodox clothes and yarmulkes, braved the intense Caracas heat to walk to synagogue. His father explained that people looked because "we were special," Kaufman recalled.

As it turned out, he was acquiring the tools he would later need as a Gay man in dealing with discrimination from his own Orthodox Jewish community and others.

The first realization that he was Gay was terrifying, he said, particularly in a macho, homophobic society with no role models.

"I remember I read the word 'homosexual' in the dictionary and thinking there is one other person, and it was probably the person who wrote the dictionary."

Kaufman is six feet tall - but appears taller - with clean-cropped brown hair, an air of kinetic energy combined with warmth and a quick smile. His friends and colleagues say he has a "big" personality, generous, funny, almost baroque, exploding with energy and at the same time given to introspection and analysis.

In the 1970s and 1980s, when Venezuela was basking in oil wealth, international theater festivals were set there, and Kaufman was exposed to high-quality, often revolutionary talents who ended up influencing his career, including Peter Brook and Pina Bausch. At age 17, on a trip to the states, he saw *Torch Song Trilogy* in San Francisco, and was moved to

tears, realizing for the first time that there was a place in society for a Gay man.

He studied business in college in Caracas, but was so bored with accounting after his first 7 a.m. class that he rushed downstairs and joined a theater group as an actor. During the next five years, he performed in Portugal and throughout Latin America.

In 1987, he decided he wanted to direct and moved to New York for graduate work, joining the Experimental Theatre Wing at New York University (and adding "Latino" to his list of identities). In his final year he was the student director on a production of Samuel Beckett's *Endgame*.

"I was knocked out by the quality of the entire production," said Arthur Bartow, the artistic director of NYU's drama department. "The acting was splendid. The set was extraordinary, and the work was deeper than one would expect of a college student, although he was a little older."

Bartow was the one who persuaded Kaufman to start a theater company after he left NYU, arguing that his research was too important to let go; it needed a laboratory.

The result was the Tectonic Theater Project, which constantly re-examines the form and structure of the medium, and is now reaching into film. (Kaufman adapted *Laramie* for an HBO film that has been nominated for four Emmy awards.) A number of colleagues from NYU joined him at Tectonic, including Jeffrey LaHoste, his partner for the past 13 years and the theater company's executive director.

The company's first big success came in 2000 with *Gross Indecency*, which documented the trial and sentencing of Victorian-era playwright Oscar Wilde for homosexual behavior. To Kaufman the

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Transplants Show Success In HIV Patients

SAN FRANCISCO, CA - People with AIDS are living longer than ever before, and research released suggests that they can handle organ transplants just fine.

Just a few years ago, doctors refused to give organ transplants to HIV-positive patients. Why spend tens of thousands of dollars to save a life that would end soon on its own? But people with AIDS are living longer than ever before, and research released suggests that they can handle new livers and kidneys just fine.

"The results are acceptable," said Dr. John Fung, director of transplant patient surgery at the University of Pittsburgh, which has pioneered the science of giving new organs to people with HIV. "We've been pretty much vindicated."

At a meeting of transplantation doctors in Miami Thursday, researchers described four studies of 53 liver and kidney transplants in the United States and France. They show that HIV-positive people have high survival rates after organ transplants, similar to those of people who aren't infected with the AIDS virus.

But only a tiny number of doctors at the 19th International Congress of the Transplantation Society have any experience with treating HIV-positive patients. Only a few medical centers in the United States will perform surgery on them, and many insurance companies still resist paying for the operations.

The most famous HIV-positive person to receive a transplant is novelist and Gay activist Larry Kramer, who received a liver at the Pittsburgh hospital in December. Kramer, who suffers from AIDS and hepatitis B, survived the surgery.

Another medical center, Hahnemann University Hospital in Philadelphia, performs kidney transplants on HIV patients. Seventeen of 20 patients treated since February 2001 are still alive. HIV infection contributed to only one of the three deaths, according to hospital researchers, and the immune systems of the surviving patients remain in good shape.

"Transplantation can significantly reduce the death rate," said Dr. Anil Kumar, the hospital's chief of transplantation. "Many of these patients are young, in their 20s and 30s, and they do not have obvious AIDS diseases. They're simply carriers of the HIV virus. Because they're young and active in their life, they don't want to go on dialysis."

Doctors also reported positive results from liver transplants on HIV-positive patients in France and San Francisco.

Doctors said they still face major challenges when they try to make sure that transplantation doesn't reinvigorate the HIV in a person's body. But in some cases, transplantation drugs can actually help AIDS patients, Fung said.

"The medication we use to prevent rejection actually slows down the progression of HIV," he said. "What it does is it blocks one of the critical steps in how the virus depletes the immune system."

HIV-positive patients don't have to worry about being treated differently than other people waiting for organs. HIV infection alone is not considered when patients are placed on waiting lists.

"We don't give them any more or

less of a priority," Fung said. "We don't discriminate against someone because they're HIV-positive or black or poor. That's the way the system should work."

However, some insurance companies continue to refuse to pay for organ transplants in HIV-positive patients. Liver transplants can cost \$200,000, while kidney transplants run \$50,000-\$60,000, Fung said.

Possible Candidate

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despite years of resistance, the LAPD now looks a lot more like the city it serves. About one-third of the officers are Latino — compared with nearly 50 percent of the overall population — and nearly 20 percent are women. Kalish is the most senior openly Gay officer, and he said he now brings his partner, an accountant, to some of the department's social events.

The real question facing the Police Commission and the mayor is not a candidate's sexual orientation, but whether a new chief can bring real change to a badly rattled police force.

The videotaped beating of Rodney King and the devastating race riots that followed a decade ago began a long period of turmoil that still has not ended. The department has struggled through a series of corruption scandals, most recently involving allegations of drug dealing, false arrests and illegal shootings in the Rampart division.

The department was forced last year into signing a consent decree with the federal government because of concerns over civil rights abuses and a pattern of weak management.

Morale has plummeted. The department is operating with about 1,000 fewer officers than full force because of recruitment problems. Major crime and gang violence have risen sharply over the past two years.

Some of those arguing for an outsider not beholden to local special interests favor William Bratton, the former New York City police commissioner who oversaw a major reduction in crime rates in New York.

But even some of his supporters concede that Bratton's high profile could work against him, since the mayor has hinted that, for a change, he is eager for more arrests than headlines from the police. Kalish is hoping that concern will help his candidacy.

But to those who see the idea of a Gay LAPD chief as something of a revolution, Kalish downplays the issue. He said the only revolution he has in mind would be geographical. His first official act, he said, would be to move the chief's office from its aerie on the sixth floor of Parker Center, where it symbolically looks down on the department's civilian overseers, to the first floor, right next to the offices of the Police Commission.

"I am convinced that inside the department they don't care about my orientation," says Kalish. "They want a leader who respects them and listens to them and who they can respect, and who knows who he works for in this city."

[The above article was written by James Sterngold, a staff writer for the San Francisco Chronicle, and is reprinted from the August 26, 2002 edition.]

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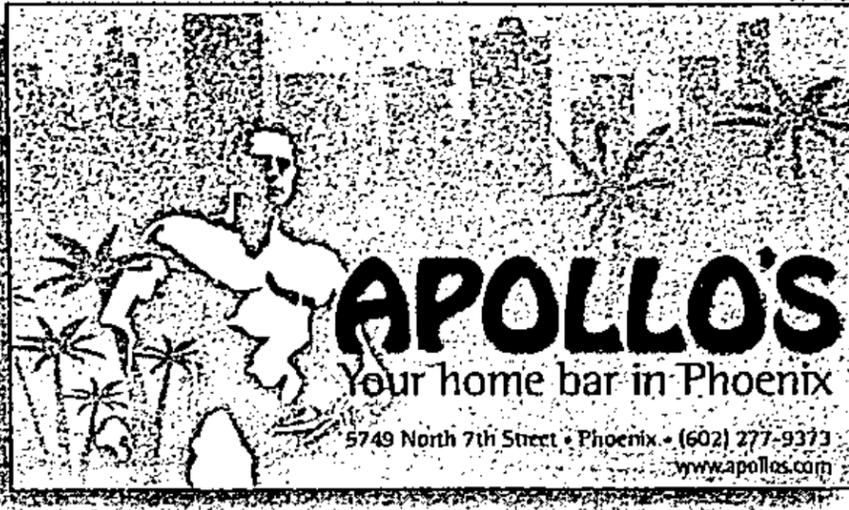
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BY C. LICHTENSTEIN

Welcome September this week by being poised for change and reappraisal. Mars has just settled in practical Virgo and infuses our lives with a clear cut vision of what needs to be done. Meanwhile, Venus moves into intense Scorpio on the 9th and guides our passions to produce tangible, successful results. Let us remember the past year and rebuild our towers this September.

LIBRA
SEPTEMBER 24 - OCTOBER 23
Hard work brings monetary rewards for all serious Gay Libras this September. Worries about finances pass as Venus sheds a little golden light on your tin bank account. Mars in Virgo revs up your pride and gives an amplifier to your inner, intuitive voice. Listen carefully compadre; Affirmation is in the air. You just need to know how to steer it to your personal windmill.

ARIES
MARCH 21 - APRIL 20
Any strictly sexual relationship has the potential to reach a deeper psychic level of understanding this September thanks to the machinations of Venus in Scorpio. Mars meanwhile stirs the pot at work and increases your commitment to the job. A little elbow grease applied in the right areas produces swell results Gay Ram. Don't delay! You may even get a raise ... or is it a rise?

SCORPIO
OCTOBER 24 - NOVEMBER 22
Proud Scorps can put their best claw forward in September as Venus in delicious Scorpio has you oozing considerable charisma and charm. Too much is never enough so make the most of this delightful energy by sharing it with pals at every party in town. Mars in Virgo plants you in the best hot spots with the best hotties. Whew! Who turned up the temperature?

TAURUS
APRIL 21 - MAY 21
Queer Bulls are in their element this September as lovers and other partners bring you great delight and heavy duty fun. Venus suggests that you overlook nit picky problems in your relationship and enjoy it for its fullness. Mars, in the meantime, pours a little gasoline on your friendly flame. Don't singe yourself in the merriment; Save something for a rainy day, cousin.

SAGITTARIUS
NOVEMBER 23 - DECEMBER 22
September is an excellent time to attend to spiritual matters and extend your Out reach to the community. Queer Archers are blessed with a keen intuitive sense and infused with the desire to "do good" now. Do it with passion! Mars in Virgo tries to find balance between what you really want and what you really need. The real question is, "Can you tell the difference?"

GEMINI
MAY 22 - JUNE 21
Your job prospects look especially good this September. Mars sits in practical Virgo and tests the limits of your comfort for risk while Venus encourages you to take another look at current responsibilities to make the most of them. In other words, friend, pink Twins need to set their sights on their personal surroundings. Let's add a bit of lavender to that grey cubicle, shall we?

CAPRICORN
DECEMBER 23 - JANUARY 20
Friends stir up all sorts of happy mischief this September thanks to the combination of sassy Venus and feisty Mars. Plan some jolly get togethers with a few wilde Bills and toss in a couple of surprises to keep things interesting. See if one or two of your old cast-offs are worth another look. Pink Caps may find a gem among the trash. Or maybe you're into trash...?

CANCER
JUNE 22 - JULY 23
Those who didn't measure up to your high standards in August are beginning to look pretty darn good in September. Get new glasses? No, it's Venus refocusing your attentions. Pink Crabs take things to the next hot step with a furtive saucy word or two. Mars helps you speak from your heart... or perhaps a bit lower down. Will they respect you in the morning? Do you care?

AQUARIUS
JANUARY 21 - FEBRUARY 19
The quest for money and the power and prestige you think it can buy is an enticing temptation for strategic Aquorians this September. Venus in Scorpio is placing new emphasis on career goals and Mars in Virgo is turning your attention to the bottom line and the deep undercurrents in your personal goals. Can you be bought? Are you in the markdown section for last years models?

LEO
JULY 24 - AUGUST 23
Any choppy waters at home reach a peaceful lull in September. Venus provides happy times, pleasant thoughts and a desire to reach familial accord. Set things queer with relatives, proud Lion, but don't compromise. Use Mars in careful yet earthy Virgo to solidify finances and fluff up all creature comforts. You are the king of beasts and need a palace not a cage.

PISCES
FEBRUARY 20 - MARCH 20
Give full range to your most expansive and global ideas this September as Venus highlights anything having to do with travel and far reaching enterprises and Mars jumpstarts any dormant or tired relationship. The sky is the limit and success is assured for any new and promising idea or pet project. Grab for the gold ring, Guppik. With any luck it will be a nipple ring.

VIRGO
AUGUST 24 - SEPTEMBER 23
Queer Virgins are more eloquent than usual thanks to Venus which turns past gaffs into bon mots and learned nuggets. You can charm just about anyone after the 9th. Put this planetary advantage to good use in any new venture and among groups of new influential folks. Mars will gleefully push you into the limelight ready or not! Get ready for some action, Jackson.

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SOUTHERN ARIZONA AIDS FOUNDATION

By Anne Maley

TUCSON - As summer winds down and we return from vacations, we often look with renewed interest to the fall season. Social and community events fill our calendar, providing us with many opportunities to get involved.

One place to get involved in our community is through local non-profit efforts, such as SAAF. As you know, fall is a busy season for us with our two biggest community events-AIDSWALK and Festival-taking place and many, many program events to educate and engage.

I'd like to invite you to become involved in SAAF's events as one way to feel connected with your community. Helping put on the events can be fun and rewarding. Volunteering for SAAF in other ways can also provide a life-affirming connection to a worthy cause. SAAF has so many opportunities for volunteering-from drop-in work projects on Wednesday nights to long-term commitments as a buddy to someone living with HIV/AIDS.

We need your help. Our events require a huge number of volunteers to produce. And the funds raised are so crucial to the health of people living with HIV/AIDS and of community members at

risk for HIV infection. You can register to walk or volunteer for AIDSWALK on October 20 by calling 791-WALK (9255) or going to www.aidswalktucson.com. You can reserve your Festival tickets for November 24 by calling (520) 628-7223 or e-mailing donations@saaf.org.

You can become a volunteer by attending Volunteer Orientation on September 19 or October 10 from 6-9 pm (reserve your place by calling (520) 628-7223) or by dropping in on any Wednesday evening from 6-8 pm for Walk-In-Wednesday at SAAF, 375 S. Euclid. You can even help create the 2002 Tucson Remembrance Quilt by attending the quilting sessions on September 24 and October 22 at 5:30 p.m.

Whether you attend an event as a participant, help produce the event as a volunteer, or give your time to other volunteer needs, you are making a difference in the lives of thousands of people in southern Arizona.

The upcoming anniversary of September 11 reminds us of the need to be connected to our community. Volunteering, walking in AIDSWALK, and attending Festival are ways to know we are not alone, that we do make a difference each and every day. Thank you for your commitment and support.

A View From The Rock

A Commentary From Cornerstone Fellowship

Our Pastor's message this past Sunday was short and to the point. God is able. God is willing.

I know, its not anything earth-shattering but have you really ever wrapped your mind around those words? I know that I have no problem believing that God is able. He is able to heal the terminally ill, broken hearted, people with syndromes, phobias and fears. I know because I have seen him do so. I do believe that God is able...able to work miracles in our lives.

Here's the problem then. I don't always believe he is willing. I guess that I sometimes feel I'm not important enough to Him or that it is just his will that I suffer. Yet scripture tells us that God wants the best for us and that he wants to do things for us like heal afflictions.

I am not saying that a greater faith in God will eliminate illness or hardship in our lives. But Jesus said that we don't have because we don't ask. Perhaps God is just waiting for us to increase our faith, to call on him and him alone. Perhaps he has a terrific blessing he wants to give us but needs us to ask for it.

I certainly don't have all the answers but I do know that our God is a loving, faithful God. I encourage you and myself as well to step out on faith, call upon the Lord Jesus Christ to help in the areas we need him so desperately, then watch him work. We have nothing to loose and everything to gain!

[The views reflected are those of the author and not necessarily reflect the views of the management and staff of The Observer.]

Commentary

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trials were a referendum on Victorian society - its attitudes toward sex, money and class - and bore a stunning relationship to American society at the turn of the 20th century.

"I discovered an Oscar I didn't know, an Oscar who was thinking very seriously about why we do what we do. Why do communities and societies need art and literature? That to me was an important question that needs to be articulated regularly."

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fence as a crucifix. Kaufman saw an electrical fence, the kind that electrocuted Eastern European Jews who tried to escape from concentration camps. Tectonic, he decided, needed to partake in this discourse.

Because of the success of *Gross Indecency*, the company had some money, and within weeks sent actors to Laramie for the first of six visits in which they conducted 200 interviews with townspeople that were later formed into 68 characters played by 10 actors.

"Oscar financed our trip to do a play about Matthew's murder," Kaufman said. "There is poetry in that. Wherever Oscar is, he surely smiled. First he cried, then he smiled."

[The above article was written by Marego Athans, and is reprinted from the August 28, 2002 edition of the Baltimore Sun.]

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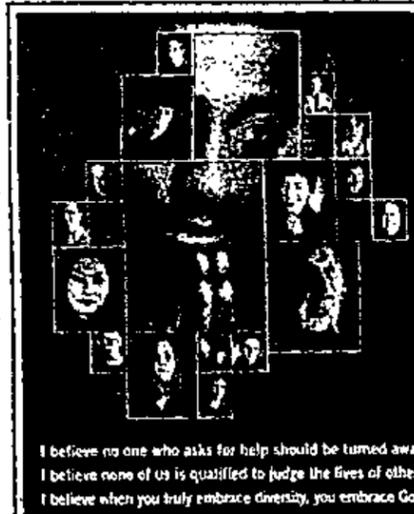
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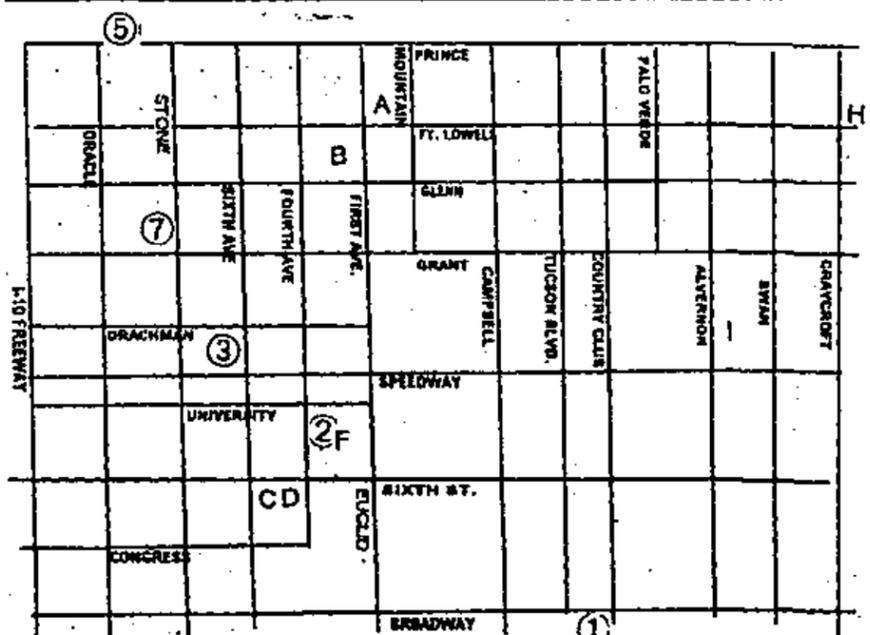
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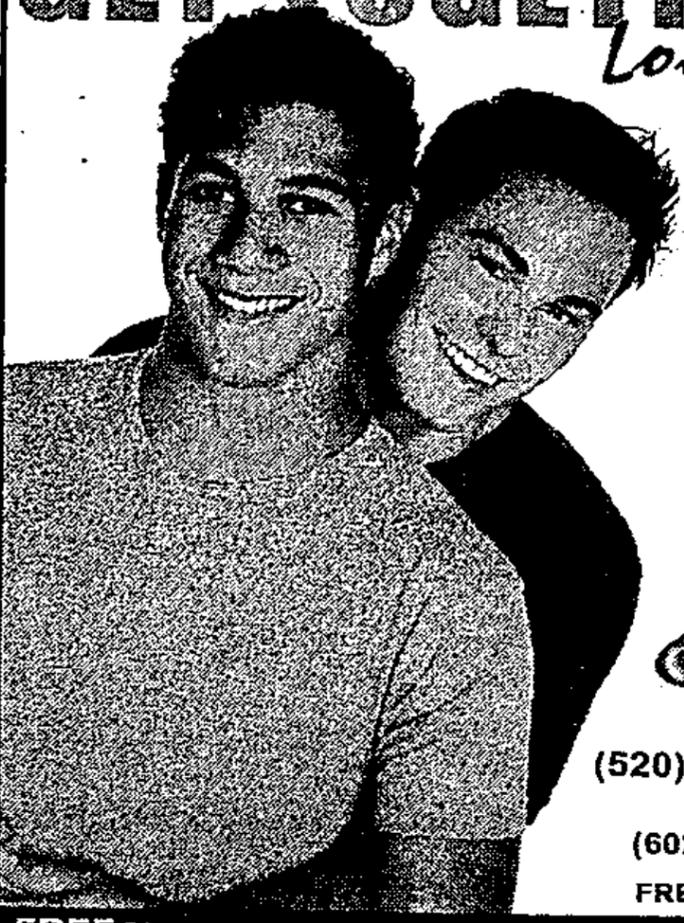
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Dear Dr. X,

Before I cum or engage in sexual intercourse, I seem to have a lot of pre-cum, which puts my lover off. So my question is how to get my level of pre-cum down or my lover's pre-cum levels up?

Drippy

Dear Drippy,

Precum is a natural sexual function which cleans the tube of the penis to make way for ejaculation. You cannot reduce the amount of your precum. If your lover doesn't like precum, he needs to stay away from penises!

Dear Dr. X,

I have a question regarding oral sex and HIV. Some of my "friends" who are HIV+ have stopped having sex, or make sure they use a condom when they do play. However, I have a friend that is HIV+ and insists that you can't get it from having oral sex as long as I spit and not swallow. Is this true? I really want to be intimate with this one person, but I am afraid and don't know the consequences. Are there ways my HIV+ "friend" and I can have fun so that I won't get it?

Needy for Love

Sydney Gay & Lesbian Mardi Gras Up For Sale

SYDNEY, Australia - The organizers of Sydney Gay and Lesbian Mardi Gras, one of the world's biggest Gay and Lesbian celebrations, were ordered to sell all of the event's costumes, props, floats, and other assets in order to pay off some of its \$250,000 debt.

The 25-year-old Mardi Gras announced four weeks ago that it was going into voluntary administration because of the debts, and now organizers say it will be a struggle to try to save the event.

"Obviously, we've tried quite a few avenues to date and they haven't been successful, so we now have to look at another way of trying to attract some funds to put back to the creditors," Mardi Gras president Julie Reagan told Deutsche Presse-Agentur. News of what The Sydney Morning Herald called the Mardi Gras "fire sale" prompted criticism from many of the city's Gay activists and calls for a boycott of next year's Mardi Gras if the event's ownership is transferred to commercial interests.

COME OUT-NOW!



Dear Needy for Love,

For a long time the saying among Gay men went something like this "On me, not in me." Meaning you should keep semen out of your/his body. Over the years people have come to think that swallowing semen is a low risk activity. Your stomach acids will kill any traces of the virus that is in the semen. What you have to be careful of is any sores, cuts, bleeding gums etc. in your mouth. Bad oral hygiene creates the perfect opportunity for the virus to get into your blood stream. If you feel like this is something you need to do be aware of the consequences and take precautions.

Dear Dr. X,

What exactly is "docking?" My friend told a joke the other day and "docking" was in the punch line. I laughed at the joke but didn't get it. And no I'm not blond but I think it has something to do with penises. Could you please help me out?

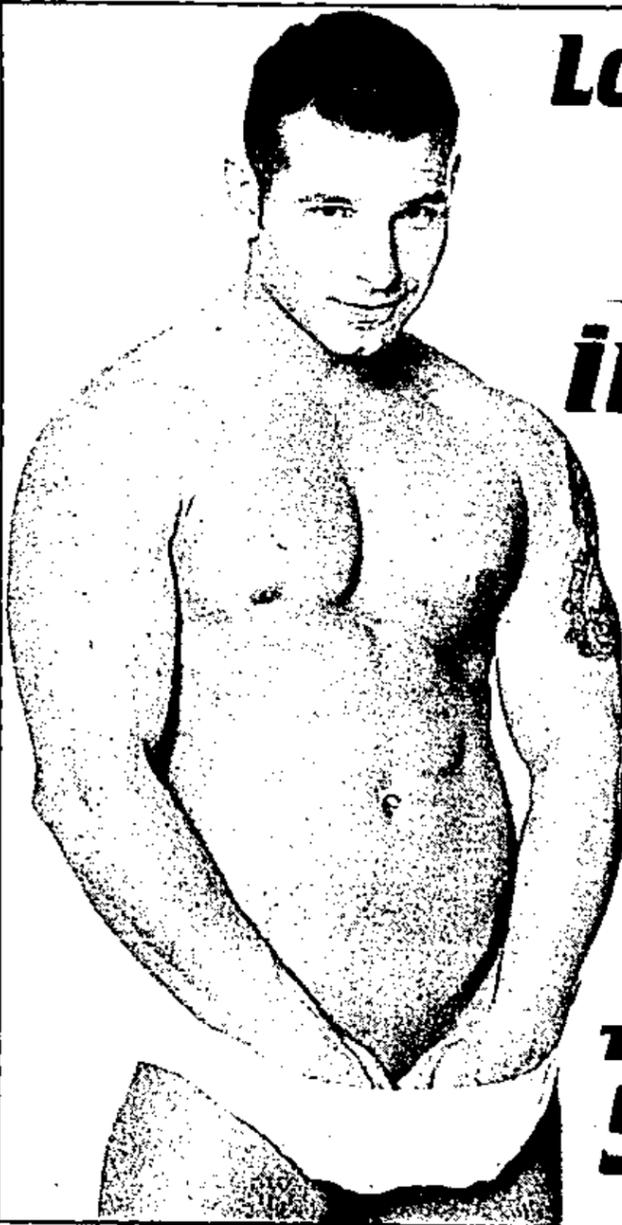
JD

Dear JD,

Don't feel bad. It is almost impossible to keep track of all the slang terms about sex that are used nowadays. Docking is when a man with an uncircumcised penis places his foreskin around the head of another man's penis and simulates both penises by rubbing them together. You are

going to have to email me the joke when you remember it!

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



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Groups / Clubs / Organizations

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 681-5733

#2. Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. Join us for our monthly Petluck 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 greet old friends. For directions, please call Jerry at 690-9505

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 782-9135

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 358-5531 or e-mail: meredith@wingspanaz.org. Please bring partners, family, friends and a pareve or dairy dish to serve.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

AVIV, the Jewish GLBT Chavurah, 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)952-1612 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.

#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 Chavurah, will host a Break The Fast gathering at 8:30 p.m. Partners and friends and family are always welcome. Call the AVIV INFO-Line at (602)952-1612 for more information and locations.

BAR CALENDAR

OF UPCOMING EVENTS

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

IBTS - 9:00 p.m. "DivaLicious" Show hosted by Lucinda Holliday and starring Diana Fair, Lady Ashley, Faith Michaels and Veronica Hollowell.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

IBTS - Party line-up includes Dennis and Sean's Recovery Bar from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. \$1.75 Bloody Marys, Screwdrivers or Mimosas. Special Bon Voyage Karaoke Party for 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 weeks proceeds go to Gay Men's Health Project (GMHP). Then at 8:30 p.m., a special benefit show for GMHP starring Janee Starr, Lady Ashley, Teri Aki, Veronica Hollowell and Special Guest.

WOODY'S - Special Bon Voyage Karaoke. Stop in and say goodbye to Billy Dee. 8:00 p.m.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

WOODY'S - Special Bon Voyage Karaoke. Stop in and say goodbye to Billy Dee. 9:00 P.M.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

IBTS - Gay Men's Health Project will be holding a Drug Forum from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. "Rolling, Bumps, Hits & Drops": An informative look at the highs and lows of current club drugs. A very interesting and educational short two hours. Be there!

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

IBTS - 9:00 P.M. The "DivaLicious" Show hosted by Lucinda Holliday and starring Janee Starr and Veronica Hollowell.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

YARD DOG - Free confidential and anonymous HIV testing. 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. 2449 N. Stone. Brought to you by Gay Men's Health Project and Pima County Health Department.

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 - 8:30 P.m. Lupita's Taquerias, 1535 N. Stone Ave.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

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.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. Robert hosts a Dinner Out at the new (and incredibly good) El Sabroso. For more info, please contact Robert at 298-2738.

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

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

#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): 7:30 p.m. Join Jerry & Lea for a showing of "Hairspray". Before its Broadway incarnation, it was this light and funny film from John Waters about a big girl with dreams of making it big. Seating is limited. For reservations and directions, please contact Jerry at 690-9565.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

#1. Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. Join Marly as he hosts Pizza Night. For only \$5, you get pizza, salad, drinks and desserts. For reservations and directions, please call Marly at 722-8531.

#2. Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 8:00 p.m. Bill hosts a Full Moon Hike in Sabino Canyon. It's an easy hike on the roadway that takes full advantage of all the canyon's beauty at night. For details, please call Bill at 297-3569.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

#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. 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 297-3569.

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

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

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

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

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

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.

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.

IBTS - 10am-8pm \$1.75 Bloodys, 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. Pool Tournament 7pm. 3 entry (Special prices for players).

WOODY'S - Open 11am. \$1.50 Bloody Marys, screwdrivers, Mimosas; Happy Hour 11am-6pm \$2 well or domestic beer. Pick-up Volleyball games 5-7. \$2.50 sirloin burger or chicken 5-6pm. 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.

IBTS - Open 11am. Happy Hours 11am-6pm, \$2 domestic beer and well. 4-9pm. Hot dance with DJ Rayman. Uncle Monda 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 8am. 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 tourney 7:30pm. \$3 entry, bar matches pot. Country music 9pm to close. \$2 bottled Bud products 8pm to close.

IBTS - 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-Energy Dance 8pm 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 8am. 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.

IBTS - Open 11am. Happy Hours 11am-8pm, \$2 domestic beer and well. 9pm "Diva-Licious" show w/Lucinda Holliday 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-leather nite with Michael \$1 off your favorite drink. Chill dogs or bows \$1.

YARD DOG - Open daily 8am. 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 8-close, with \$2 Kamikazes and \$1 Hot Sex.

IBTS - Open 11am. Happy Hours 11am-8pm, \$2 domestic beer and well. 4-9. Retro 80s Dance w/Jonathan Hi NRG dancing 9-11 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 HTN 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 - 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.

IBTS - Open 11am. Happy Hours 11am-8pm, \$2 domestic beer and well. Live Jazz on the patio with the Susan 6-9pm. 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 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. Bar matches pot. \$2 pitchers for pool players. DJ Hill 9pm-close. Drink & Shot Specials all night.

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

YARD DOG - Open daily 8am. 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 9am to 5pm, Monday through Friday. Direct services and emotional support for persons with and affected by HIV. Anonymous HIV testing and support groups available. Prevention education programs. 528-SAAF (7223). World wide web: http://www.saafl.org. VOLUNTEERS WELCOME.

LESBIAN SUPPORT GROUP. Involving discussion, support and activities. Designed to support each other. Meets 1st & 3rd Saturday of each month from 9:30 to 11am. Alternate Saturdays the group meets for social activities. For info call Dorian Easty, facilitator. 582-7723

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 35264, 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 690-4813, 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 581-1794 - 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 745-6877 (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. 322-5855. 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 64-G, Cortaro, AZ 85652.

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 85733-3810 of visit our website at www.bolop.com All are welcome to our general meetings/podlucks 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 838-5541

LESBIAN AND GAY AL-ANON - Affected by someone's drinking? Meeting every Tuesday 8:45 to 9:45 p.m. at Lambda Center, 29-40 E. Thomas, Phoenix. Etlie 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 624-6763.

GUYS BOOK CLUB meets 4th Tuesday of each month at 7pm, Rainbow Plane: Coffee House, 606 N. 4th Ave.

CLASSIFIED ADS ARE 25 PER WORD \$8.00 MINIMUM



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NOTICES

T-SQUARES Lesbian and Gay square dance club meets every Tuesday from 6:30-9:00 p.m. at Cornerstone Fellowship Social Hall, 2902 N. Geronimo (near 1st Ave. and Laguna). Open to All. Call Liz at 325-9466 or Ray at 749-6247.

LIGHTNING LIGHTING will provide lighting for AIDS and related benefits at no charge. For more info call Adrianna at 889-7298.

COME EXPLORE YOUR SPIRITUALITY! St. Philip's in the Hills Episcopal Church offers a variety of Gay and Lesbian groups and services for the spiritually minded. Come meet the Phenyl! For more information call Debbie 578-8827 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 8:00 to 9:30pm at Amory Park Senior Center, 220 S. 6th Ave. Call 791-9662.

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

AA Meeting with HIV/AIDS focus, Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m., MCC Church, 3269 N. Mountain. All alcoholics welcome.

MEN'S SOCIAL NETWORK: Social organization for men of all ages. Building an extended Gay family in Tucson. Monthly social potluck gatherings the first Saturday of each month and almost weekly social activities. Call Jerry at 690-8565 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 TEAM ARIZONA at their website: teamarizona.org

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

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

COMMUNITY BUSINESS ASSOCIATION (CBA), Tucson's Gay and Lesbian business networking group holds regular meetings the third Thursday of every month. Call 615-6436 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 622-3200 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 8 weeks. 694-7063.

TUCSON GREATER SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION. Interested? Call Kelly Quinn, (520)742-7895 or go to our web site http://www.tgsa 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 OVERTEARS ANONYMOUS. Saturdays 1 to 2pm new location Wingspan, 300 E. 6th St. Contact 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 791-7676.

GRACE GROUP - CATHOLIC GAY/LESBIAN SUPPORT GROUP meets every 2nd and 4th Monday at 7:30 p.m. in the Madonna Hall at St. Marys and Paul Catholic Church, 1438 N. Campbell across from University Hospital. For more info, Call Anabel at 325-0892

SMART (Self Management And Recovery Training) a free non-12-step self-help alternative for people working to overcome addictive and other emotional problems meets in Tucson Monday thru Thursdays at different locations. For more information about SMART, contact Jennifer at 792-4607, 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 640-0820

NOTICES

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

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

OUTLOUD! Tucson's premiere Local Lesbian and Gay Radio Show, broadcast every Wednesday at 6:00 pm on 81.3 FM, Community Radio KKCI. The show "This Way Out", a nationally syndicated Lesbian and Gay radio show is aired at 5:30 pm every Wednesday.

THEATER / DINNER / ETC! Non-Smoking Lesbian Network meets every 3rd Saturday night of each month. If you'd like to meet women 35+ (flexible) and socialize in a smoke-free environment 888-8010 before 10:00 p.m. The group dines out and attends shows or movies. Now in their 16th year! (2nd in Tucson).

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

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

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 802-279-4805.

DESERT DOMINION TUCSON'S 100% CONSENSUAL, Pan-Fetish, Pan-Sexual, Informational, Educational, Safe Space for the B&D, S&M, D&S and TV community. For more info call (520)792-6424 or http://www.desertdominion.org

SEXUAL ASSAULT SURVIVORS. Starting this February, the Tucson Rape Crisis Center will be providing free confidential group services for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender survivors of all manner of sexual assault. Interested persons please call Mirlo 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 743-4300.

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 293-6624.

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.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 624-0318 (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 817-3100 for more info.

TGNet/Arizona: The central source for news and information for, by and about the TG, TG, and Gender-variant communities of Arizona. Website URL: http://www.tgnetarizona.org - e-mail address: siggoodrum@uwest.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 760-8714 for more information.

SUPPORT GROUP FOR RECOVERING ADDICTS AND ALCOHOLICS. Group meets every Saturday 7-9pm in Cornerstone Fellowship hall, 2902 N. Geronimo. 622-4826 or 750-6404.

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

PERSONALS

HOPING TO FIND SOME OF MY OLD FRIENDS IN TUCSON! I lived there for a short time in 1997. Made good friends but didn't keep in touch. I am the Canadian boy, naive. Name is Tim. Worked at Caruso's Restaurant. If this works e-mail me: lewbeans_jood@hotmail.com 647

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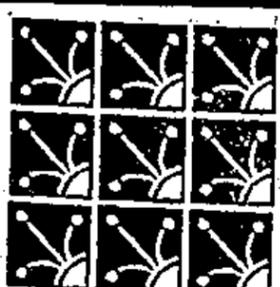
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