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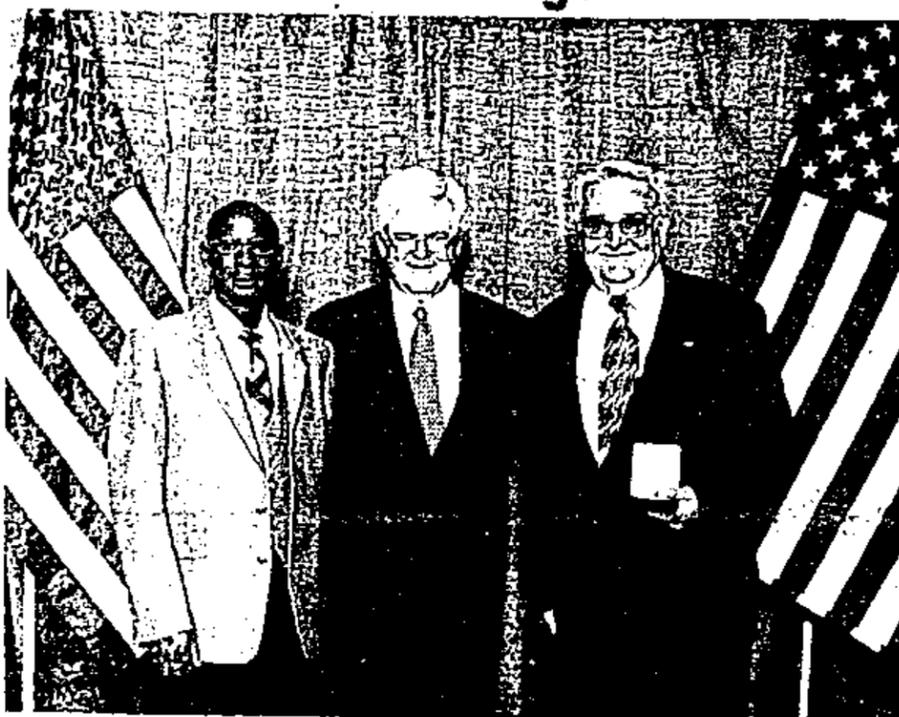
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Some Good News From Washington For A Change!



In October, local Gay businessman and nationally recognized chef, Ray Gregg, was invited to the Business Advisory Council's Entrepreneur Convention in Washington, DC. He was presented the National Leadership Award from the Business Advisory Council, a national Congressional Committee. He was being recognized for assistance and leadership in promoting a pro-business agenda including tax reform and fiscal responsibility. He was also recognized for his support in his local Tucson community.

Gregg is pictured at the right in the photo above at the Award dinner with Representative Newt Gingrich who presented him with a gold medal award. At the left we see Bob Petty who works with Gregg in Tucson with the committee that supports the Balboa Heights Neighborhood Association which provides help for underprivileged children. Ray is co-owner of the Yard Dog Saloon which is located in the Balboa Heights neighborhood. Congratulations.

Gay Games Finances Under Investigation

SYDNEY, Australia - Investigators in Sydney have opened an inquiry into the problem-plagued financing of the 2002 Gay Games, ABC News in Australia reports.

Peter Marsden, who managed Gay Games expenses, says the production company running the event has become hopelessly mired in debt, owing creditors an estimated US \$1.4 million.

The creditors board voted earlier to retain Marsden as the company's administrator. He said that most of those present had resigned themselves to losing the bulk of their investment.

Marsden blamed overly optimistic revenue projections for the huge shortfall.

The Gay Games joins other large scale Gay and Lesbian events in Australia and other countries to face an uncertain future because of wobbly financing arrangements.

Sydney's Gay and Lesbian Mardi Gras, thought to be the largest annual Gay event in the world has had to be trimmed back after suffering huge losses in 2001. In August 2002, the Mardi Gras organization was placed in voluntary administration (a milder alternative to outright liquidation) after posting a half a million dollar loss.

Organizers of London Pride were forced to postpone the Gay pride festival which traditionally followed the July 4

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United Airline's Lessons For Travel

NEW YORK, NY (GFN) - When United Airlines' parent company UAL (NYSE: UAL) filed for bankruptcy protection, the world's second-largest air carrier proclaimed it will not be grounded.

The airline hopes to successfully emerge from bankruptcy protection like rival Continental Airlines and avoid the fate of former industry staples like TWA, Eastern and Pan Am.

But can United really perform one of the biggest do-overs in the history of the airline industry? The airline heads into Chapter 11 with a breath-taking two-part financing package in hand: a \$300 million term loan arranged by Bank One and a \$1.2 billion facility arranged by J.P. Morgan and Citigroup, according to The Wall Street Journal.

And for the consumer, what does United's bankruptcy really mean - and how can the frequent flying members of the Gay community protect themselves against the vicissitudes of an industry that may be flying one day and grounded the next?

With United's stated plans to cut its future schedules combined with its dire need to cut \$20 million per day in losses, the airline has instilled little confidence for anyone ready to plop down their hard-earned money for an airline ticket.

In the short term, consumer travel advocates say passengers holding tickets on United flights through the end of the year should have few problems because the carrier is expected to maintain its current schedule through the busy holiday travel season.

In the long term, however, they say passengers should avoid United for trips next spring and summer and use United frequent-flier mileage as soon as possible.

Sascha Segal, author of "Frommer's Fly Safe, Fly Smart," recently published some tips on how customers might avoid losing money or best face being stranded if an airline cancels their flight or worse, abruptly shuts down.

Always use a credit card to buy airline tickets. Under the federal Fair Credit Billing Act, credit card issuers can refuse payment for services not rendered.

Buy travel insurance. Some insurance companies have already cut back on

coverage, but the policies still could provide peace of mind for travelers on longer trips such as overseas vacations.

Obtain a paper ticket instead of a paperless e-ticket. Yes, paperless tickets have become a convenience we all love, but if an airline completely shuts its computers down a paper ticket offers more security. It's proof in the hand that you've really made the purchase if or when, for instance, you approach another airline that partners with the airline that left you stranded.

Be aware of the Aviation and Transportation Security Act. Under Section 145 of that federal law, passengers ticketed on a flight on an airline that has suspended operations are entitled to a seat on any airline serving that same route on a space-available basis within 60 days of that service interruption.

But also be aware that "space-available," in real life, means "if the airline feels like it," according to the business traveler's Web site Joe Sent Me.

The Web site also contends that consumers who must book tickets would be foolhardy not to look first for tickets on other airlines offering the same route as United - especially for international travel - echoing the contention that long-term travel plans, even with a steeply discounted ticket, may not be worth the paper it isn't printed on.

Regardless of what happens with United's Chapter 11, the company's international frequent flyers may come through the bankruptcy best. United customers can tap one of the carrier's partners in the 14-member Star Alliance that honor United's miles.

The alliance includes Lufthansa, Air Canada, Singapore Airlines, All Nippon Airways, Thai Airways, Austrian Airlines, Scandinavian Airlines System and Air New Zealand.

Unfortunately, domestic flyers are out of luck: for domestic U.S. routes, frequent-flier points must be used on United flights, making the airlines' skies decidedly less friendly than they would once have had us believe.

**Observer Going To
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UPDATE

Rainbow Planet Coffeehouse To Change Hands?

TUCSON - Rick Pereira, owner of the Rainbow Planet Coffee House announced last week that the only GLBT coffee house in Arizona would close this week unless a buyer was found for the business. The coffee house was set to close December 16, however, on that day, at the last hour, a buyer made an offer to buy the business and keep it open and GLBT oriented.

David Oliver and Eddie Humes, the former owners, were pioneers and courageously opened the Planet in 1996. As they struggled to keep it open Rick was looking for a business to buy and purchased it in July of 2000. He had his own businesses for many years and re-did the interior, added a back patio, and last February doubled the size of the interior.

Rick has decided to move on and go back to his career in consulting and training. He has decided to keep the Planet open this week in hopes the new buyer will take over this weekend.

"I want to thank all those people who have supported me and the business during my ownership. We have had a strong customer base and people seem to enjoy the space we have created here and the great product we serve. I hope the community will continue to support the Planet and the new owner so it will remain a viable part of the GLBT community in Tucson," Pereira said.

MCC Christmas Eve Service

TUCSON AZ - The Water of Life MCC will be holding a Candlelight Christmas Eve Service on Tuesday night, December 24, 10:45 p.m. Come and celebrate the birth of Our Savior this holiday season with your friends and family at Water of Life MCC.

Water of Life is located at 3269 North Mountain, just North of Fort Lowell Road. The Water of Life MCC worships each Sunday at 10:15 a.m.

For more information, please call (520) 292-9151. The Pastor, Reverend Joyce Cook wishes all a joyous holiday season filled with peace and good will.



Observer Going To Press Early Xmas & New Year's

TUCSON - For two weeks The Observer will be going to press earlier than usual.

Since this year, Christmas Day and New Year's Day falls on a Wednesday, the usual day the paper is sent to the press to be printed, the publishers won't be open that day or Christmas or New Year's Eve, a Tuesday, the Observer will go to the press on Monday, December 23, and Monday, December 30 for those two weeks only.

So all articles, press releases or what-so-ever, for those two weeks will need to be in The Observer's hands by Sunday, December 22 and Sunday, December 29. There will be no exceptions to the deadlines for these weeks.

Fourth Friday December 27

TUCSON - Fourth Fridays continue through the holiday season, with this month's event again being held at Cushing Street Bar & Restaurant, 198 W. Cushing St., just south of the Tucson Convention Center, on Friday, December 27, from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Come join other GBT men start the weekend, greet old friends and make new ones in a relaxed gathering place. There is a cash bar, and the \$10 cover includes hors d'oeuvres and a donation to Wingspan.

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

Teens Plead Innocent To Transgender Murder In San Jose

SAN JOSE, CA - Three young men pleaded innocent Friday, December 13, to beating and strangling to death a 17-year-old in Northern California after learning that the Transgendered teen was a biological male.

Eddie "Gwen" Araujo Jr.'s body was discovered in October in a shallow grave 150 miles east of San Francisco in the Sierra foothills, according to police. Police say she was murdered October 3 during a party at 23-year-old Jose Merel's house in suburban San Francisco. Merel and 22-year-olds Michael Magidson and Jason Cazares entered their pleas during a brief court appearance.

The judge set a preliminary hearing date of January 29. Jaron Nabors, a fourth suspect who police say led them to Araujo's body, pleaded innocent last month.

Lesbian Evangelist Marsha Stevens Returns Dec. 22

TUCSON - The Water of Life Metropolitan Community Church (MCC) is proud to present the return of Marsha Stevens Sunday, December 22, for the 10:15 a.m. service and for a 6:00 p.m. concert.

Highly respected throughout the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches (UFMCC), Marsha Stevens has recorded six solo albums as well as a concert video on her independent BALM (Born Again Lesbian Music) label. The Christian Century calls Marsha "The Mother of Contemporary Christian Music. Conservative Christianity's worst nightmare: a Bible-believing, God fearing, Jesus-loving lesbian Christian."

Marsha Stevens sold her Costa Mesa home in 1995 and now lives in an RV; touring the country full time. She averages 5,000 miles a month ministering, singing, and sharing hope and joy with people around the country. Ms. Stevens focuses her talents on evangelizing to the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, & Transgendered communities. Marsha is also listed in the American Society of Composers, Authors, and Publishers' (ASCAP), and Who's Who in American Music. If you haven't had an opportunity to hear this woman sing, now is your chance.

The Water of Life MCC is located at 3269 North Mountain, just north of Fort Lowell Road, and worship each Sunday at 10:15 a.m., as well as 6:00 p.m. For more information, call (520) 292-9151 or E-mail: wolmcc@aol.com.

Gay Games

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march because of a cash shortage in recent years, forcing a scaling back of the traditional post-march festival.

The future of AIDS Ride events produced by Pallotta Teamworks, a for-profit AIDS and breast cancer charity that has raised more than 200 million dollars in donations, announced in 2002 that it was shutting its doors, throwing into doubt the future of popular AIDS Ride events in Boston, Los Angeles, Seattle and Atlanta.

And the 2000 March on Washington, organized by a consortium of national Gay civil rights organizations led by the Human Rights Campaign, experienced the loss of some \$750,000 in expected vendor revenue forcing Millennium Production, LLC, into involuntary bankruptcy.

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Rental Discrimination Still A Fact Of Life!

NEW YORK, NY (GFN) - With so many basic legal rights carved out to include members of the Gay and Lesbian community, it's hard to image that that discrimination in something as fundamental as housing still exists. But it does.

That's because federal law does not protect Gays, Lesbians or Transgendered people from discrimination by landlords. This means that in many areas of the country, if you're denied a rental at the application stage, you may be out of luck.

However, several states and many cities have passed laws that do include protections for Gay people in housing and public accommodations.

California, Connecticut, the District of Columbia, Massachusetts, Minnesota, New Jersey, Rhode Island, Vermont and Wisconsin have laws prohibiting discrimination against Gays or Lesbians; Connecticut, Minnesota and Rhode Island also protect Transgendered people.

In addition, many cities have passed laws that make discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation illegal, including Atlanta, Chicago, Detroit, Miami, New York, Pittsburgh, St. Louis and Seattle.

A fair-minded (and intelligent) landlord should care more about whether you pay the rent on time and take good care of the property, than your sexual orientation. But prejudice is, unfortunately, alive and thriving.

Many GLBT people have been - and are still - refused rentals because the landlord or apartment manager determined that the applicant(s) were Gay and were,

therefore, unsuitable tenants; others have received termination notices from landlords who have learned that a tenant and his partner were more than just "roommates."

If you don't live in a state or city that extends housing protections to Gays and Lesbians, there's not much you can do besides, perhaps, attempting to reason with the landlord.

Failing this, you may consider fighting this kind of discrimination based upon two vital issues:

Whether the state or city where you live has established legal protections that will help you.

What kind of rental agreement you have.

If you encounter discrimination after your tenancy has begun, your own lease may be the very thing that protects you best. If you have a lease, your tenancy cannot be terminated unless you have broken an important lease clause (such as failing to pay rent or keeping a pet in violation of a no-pets rule) or committed an illegal act.

Most lease clauses do not expressly address whom you share your bed with. In fact, most states have tossed out their anti-sodomy and fornication laws - although it's still on the books in some 13 states (the legality of state's sodomy laws is before the Supreme Court even now, with a ruling expected in June).

Nine states ban consensual sodomy for everyone: Alabama, Florida, Idaho, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina,

South Carolina, Utah and Virginia. Texas, Kansas, Missouri and Oklahoma punish only homosexual sodomy.

As long as your lease has no clause prohibiting certain types of sexual behavior and you don't live in a state that makes sodomy or unmarried sex illegal, a landlord who attempts to evict you solely on the grounds of your sexual orientation would have a hard time succeeding.

This result would be true even for tenants who live in cities or states that don't prohibit sexual orientation discrimination. Those that live in states that do would have an even stronger case.

Tenants with month-to-month rental agreements, however, may be in greater danger of eviction.

In a month-to-month tenancy, a landlord may terminate the agreement by giving the required notice, which is 30 days in most states. The landlord doesn't even need to give a reason for the termination, but he may not terminate for a discriminatory reason if you have anti-discrimination protection by virtue of a state or local law. If you aren't protected, however, the landlord is free to act on his own bigoted whims or beliefs.

It's not surprising to note that some landlords have attempted to trump anti-discrimination laws by relying on various state and federal freedom of religion laws.

A court in Alaska prohibited this end-run, but another court in North Dakota allowed it. In both cases, however, the courts were grappling with renting to un-

married heterosexual couples.

There are no reported cases dealing specifically with a landlord's attempt to use a religious freedom law to protect sexual orientation discrimination.

Remember, if you encounter a problem with a landlord who you believe is exhibiting discriminatory behavior toward you based on your sexual orientation, check the local or state laws to see if you're protected - and check your lease!

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Lesbians Chosen High School's 'Cutest Couple'

CHICAGO, IL - Their story has played out like the name of a popular Lesbian movie: The Incredibly True Adventure of Two Girls in Love.

It started last month, when the girls—longtime high school sweethearts—were voted “cutest couple” by their fellow seniors at Crete-Monee High School in the suburbs south of Chicago. Administrators balked at first. Then several students walked out of class to support the girls. In the end, the girls’ parents—though a bit shell-shocked—agreed to let a photograph of the couple appear in the school yearbook. And last week district superintendent Roberta Berry wrote a letter praising the students at Crete-Monee High. “I am proud to say that while other schools continue to address issues such as alienation, bullying, and hate crimes, we have a student body that not only accepts each others’ differences but also celebrates them,” Berry wrote.

Some parents and community members, however, have called to complain and written letters to the editor of local newspapers. But others are supportive—a sign, students say, that times are changing. “This isn’t 1952 anymore. I think people need to realize there are different people

everywhere,” said Rachel Urban, a 17-year-old Crete-Monee senior. “If 15- and 17-year-olds are mature enough to handle this, the rest of the country can.”

Crete-Monee officials have chosen not to reveal the names of the “cutest couple” girls, whose parents didn’t know they were dating until the vote. “The girls are understandably overwhelmed, and so are their families,” school district spokeswoman Sue Rossi said. Choosing senior “bests” is a long-standing tradition for Crete-Monee seniors. Each year they cast their votes for everyone from the “most likely to succeed” to “most likely to shock us at our reunion.” While there were three or four senior couples who’d been together through most of their high school years, most students voted for the girls. Classmates say it was done with sincerity. They say the girls—popular students who are active in sports and other extracurricular activities—can often be seen holding hands in the school’s hallways. “I think people voted for them because they’re so open about their relationship—and how good it is,” said Danielle Cheatom, a 17-year-old senior. “They’re actually in love and care about each other.” Adds Nick Renfroe, another 17-year-old senior: “They really are the cutest couple.”

APA Backs Full G/L Adoption Rights

NEW YORK, NY - Adding its endorsement to other psychological and medical organizations, the American Psychiatric Association (APA) on Friday, December 13, issued a statement backing the right of Gay and Lesbian couples to adopt.

“The APA supports initiatives which allow same-sex couples to adopt and co-parent children and supports all the associated legal rights, benefits, and responsibilities which arise from such initiatives,” read a statement issued by the organization.

The new policy comes on the heels of a 2000 APA policy statement supporting the right of same-sex couples to have their unions legally recognized.

“Research over the past 30 years has consistently demonstrated that children raised by Gay or Lesbian parents exhibit the same level of emotional, cognitive, social and sexual functioning as children raised by heterosexual parents,” the APA said.

The APA cited studies that have

demonstrated over and over again that parental caring and commitment - not sexual orientation - is the deciding factor in whether or not children grow into stable, healthy adults.

“While some states have approved legislation sanctioning second parent adoption,” read the statement, “other court judgments and legislation have prohibited Lesbian women and Gay men from adopting or co-parenting.”

With full adoption by both partners,” children could avail themselves of both parents’ health insurance, access to medical care, death benefits, inheritance rights, and child support from both parents in the event of separation.”

The APA joins the American Academy of Pediatrics, the American Association of Child and Adolescent Psychiatrists, and the American Association of Family Physicians in endorsing full Gay adoption rights.

Di's Butler's Letters To Go On Sale

SYDNEY, Australia - Intimate letters written by the former personal butler to Princess Diana are to be sold by an Australian man who claims to be his ex-lover.

Antiques dealer Gregory Pead will display 53 items at his shop in eastern Australia, including handwritten letters, photographs, and postcards he claims were sent to him by royal butler Paul Burrell. The letters, dated in the early 1980s, contain Burrell's candid thoughts about working for the royal family as well as declarations of his love for Pead, Pead's business partners said Monday. “They are love letters; some of them can make you blush,” said Lorraine McConnell, a co-owner of the Times Past Collectibles store on the Gold Coast, a resort area 60 miles south of the Queensland state capital of Brisbane. Burrell, who married in 1984 and has two sons, has never acknowledged having a relationship with Pead.

trial collapsed when Queen Elizabeth II confirmed that Burrell had told her he was holding some of the items for safekeeping. Burrell then began granting interviews to the British media, talking about life inside the palace and embarrassing the royal family. In a letter to Pead, dated March 1981 and released Monday, Burrell describes being suspended for several days during an investigation into reports of homosexuality among staff aboard the royal yacht Britannia. “The Queen was informed, and when I returned to work she discussed it with me,” Burrell says in the letter. “She said she was ‘so pleased’ I was able to return to work and ‘this awful business’ was over.... Now that my boss knows, I have nothing to worry about—do I?” the letter continues.

Other letters—which are written in fountain pen on palace stationery—provide descriptions of Princess Diana's wedding dress a week before she was married to Prince Charles as well as security measures for a royal event, Pead's business partners

The former butler stood trial last month on charges of stealing hundreds of items from the late princess's estate. The

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NOTES FROM THE FOR-REAL SIDE

by Lee Thorn

Hard News Novelty?

Could hard news make a comeback as a novelty show? Don't laugh.

TV news was around in the 1960s and it gradually went away, so if you weren't around back then you missed it. The concept of hard news, now long dead, might find a brand-new audience if they tried it again.

Let's work backwards and start the explanation by saying what hard news wasn't. Mostly it wasn't entertainment, amusement or anything immediately useful.

There were no news "teases." It wouldn't have occurred to them to say, "Senior government official assassinated in Dallas. Details and the name of the victim later on the Connie Chung Show."

There were no viewer polls. They frankly didn't care what you thought.

No cute quirky man-bites-dog stories.

No bogus medical news: Curing polio made it. A study saying that fat people have more heart attacks would not have.

No fence sitting, as in, "Joe says night is dark. Bill says night is light. Experts apparently disagree about the matter."

No consumer tips. No celebrity "new." No entertainment "news."

The premise of the news was absolutely elitist: Hire old white guys who are experts in modern history and current affairs. Give them the means to travel and communicate worldwide. Have them tell us what we as citizens of a democracy need to know about what's going on in our country and around the world.

What were they selling besides information? They were selling their judgment. By implication they were saying, "There are plenty of places where you can get entertainment, gossip, health and beauty tips. This is the news, the stuff that we think is important for you to know as a voting citizen."

And to sell their judgment they had to be taken seriously as people. They couldn't tease the news, vamp the news, or whore around with the news in any way whatever.

How influential was that judgment? When Walter Cronkite went negative on the Vietnam war, LBJ said, "If I've lost Cronkite, I've lost the war."

Then one day some unknown TV executive said to himself, "If we could make the news a little less grim and a little more entertaining, the news division might lose less money. Hell, it might even make money." So little by little entertainment was introduced and the distinction between news and entertainment was blurred until, when John Kennedy Jr. died in a plane crash, whatever remnant of the distinction that remained was completely obliterated and the non-Kennedy news was simply suspended because, in the words of one commentator, "People didn't want to hear it."

As I write this CNN is showing a matador being thrown around by a bull. "Great visual," as they say in the trade. But is it the news trade or the entertainment trade?

Are there enough people who are

tired of celebrity promotion cloaked as news and other trivia cloaked as news and "great visuals" cloaked as news to form a viable audience for a real news show?

The conventional wisdom is that the only audience for hard news is old and well educated folks. If that's true it's hard to explain the waves of immigrants in the early part of the 20th century who educated themselves by reading newspapers. And what about the young people today who have never been exposed to the product? They can't buy it if it's never been on offer.

Dan Rather calls his broadcast hard news and then has a guy throw a dart at a map and interview someone where the dart sticks to prove that "everybody has a story." What it proves is that even Rather has forgotten what hard news was.

It was elitist judgmental stuff from experts who told you, "That's the way it is." You took it like you take your vitamins, because it was good for you.

At this point in our history the concept of hard news from serious people might have a novelty value that surpasses the entertainment value of what they're giving us.

[Thorn welcomes comments, suggestions for future columns, and tips on local skulduggery that ought to be exposed. Write to Box 85571, Tucson, AZ 85 754.]

Teen To Be Tried In Anti-Gay Murder

HEMPFIELD TOWNSHIP, PA - A teenager will be tried as an adult on charges that he helped fatally beat his friend's brother because his friend thought his sibling was Gay.

Robert M. Laskowski, 15, faces a mandatory sentence of life in prison without the possibility of parole if he is found guilty of first-degree murder in the April death of Adam Bishop, 18. If Laskowski were found guilty in a juvenile court, he could have been held in the state's custody until his 21st birthday.

Laskowski helped when Ian Bishop, 15, hit his older brother at least 15 times with a hammer and left him to die in a bathtub in the Bishop family's home, police and prosecutors said. County judge Debra Pezza issued a ruling Thursday that said although it appears that Laskowski never hit Adam Bishop, he helped Ian Bishop move the body and didn't aid the dying teenager. The prospect that Laskowski could be freed within six years also led Pezza to issue the ruling, she wrote. Laskowski's attorney, Lee Demosky, said he would appeal the ruling. He had argued that his client's case belonged in juvenile court because, among other things, Laskowski did not have a prior criminal record. Ian Bishop also will be tried as an adult.

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COMMENTARY

A Lott To Consider

By Michael Young

"You should try to show them a way to deal with that problem [homosexuality], just like alcohol ... or sex addiction ... or kleptomaniacs." Sen. Trent Lott, 1998

When Trent Lott made these comments, I was appalled. An elected official in a position to influence decisions that would ultimately affect my life, the life of my partner and the lives of our friends showed incredible contempt for Gay people.

My Southern Baptist family undoubtedly heard Lott's comments, and as accepting as they are, I feared they might secretly share some of his views. Looking back, I wish I had been more vocal about it. I wish I had talked to my family. But the fact is, I didn't. I thought my voice wouldn't make a difference.

Fortunately, even though I remained silent, many in our community reacted quickly and aggressively, showing that our collective voice does matter. Unfortunately, we are frequently put in the position of defending ourselves from the onslaught of anti-Gay comments often hurled at us by elected officials or those allegedly interested in promoting "family values." We've become veritable experts at it. We are swift - organizing vigils, protests, letter writing campaigns - when a member of our community is defamed or discriminated against. Or are we?

While we are highly aware of the damaging effects of anti-Gay epithets, we often lose sight of how racism directly affects our diverse community. We stand by and think, "how awful," but don't take action, possibly because we don't see it as "our issue." Well, it's time to see things differently.

Perhaps we are beginning to, but I would argue not quickly enough. Our community has not been as swift in responding to Lott's recent comments that if then-segregationist candidate Strom Thurmond had been elected president in 1948, "We wouldn't have had all these problems over all these years?" Instead of holding Lott immediately accountable for his statements, many of us have let it slide by, largely unnoticed, as if race has no effect on our community.

As Lott has come out with different versions of what he claims is an apology, few of us have spoken out. Lott defines racism as one of "the discarded policies of the past." Clearly, he fails to understand that racism was not an idea that was simply "discarded" or that fell out of favor, rather it was - and continues to be - fought against. It's offensive and unacceptable for Lott to trivialize the struggles of African Americans. Even President Bush condemned such remarks, saying Lott's comments "do not reflect the spirit of our country." Lott's statements of regret don't seem to be taking hold.

But it's not shocking that our community didn't react quickly to Lott's recent comments - although it should be. What is shocking is that the Family Research Council (FRC) was among the first to condemn his remarks. In a statement, FRC urged the Republican Party to "Ask themselves if they really want's to continue to be represented by Trent Lott."

It may be tempting to commend FRC for taking this seemingly fair-minded stance. But we should probably hold our applause. The FRC has never really been all

that concerned about civil rights for every American. The organization is more interested in dispelling the stereotype of straight, white, conservative men as racist, than with effecting any real social change. Where was an FRC statement of support for our civil rights in 1998 when Lott compared homosexuality to alcoholism and kleptomania?

As a community, we have to remind ourselves that racism and homophobia are indisputably linked. The reality is that racism, as homophobia, impacts our allies, friends, families and loved ones. The LGBT community does not exist in a vacuum. In order for our civil rights struggle to be successful, we need to be aware of all social issues and how they impact us.

We can hope that more people speaking up will spark the media to better cover these topics. It's important for us to look critically at how the media covers issues related to our community, including racism. Because the media plays a vital role in shaping our opinions, we need to be concerned if an issue is underreported or not reported fairly and accurately. Quick and insightful coverage of elected officials' unacceptable comments will lead to those officials being held accountable for their words.

I've learned to be more vocal now when I see injustice, even though sometimes it would be much easier, and certainly less risky, to remain silent. We fight for equality every day. It's a struggle that has been with us for decades, and it's something we will continue to fight for. It takes all of us - regardless of race, religion, sexual orientation, gender identity or class - to realize that if something affects one of us, it affects us all.

[Michael Young is the Central Regional Media Manager for the Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLAAD).]

Gay Cannibal Suspect Arrested

KASSEL, Germany - Prosecutors said they were investigating a 41-year-old computer technician who reportedly told police that he killed and ate a man he had a Gay relationship with.

The man, identified as Arnim M. in the German newspaper Bild, told police that his victim replied to an advertisement he had placed on the Internet looking for someone willing to allow himself to be killed and eaten. According to Bild, a 42-year-old microchip engineer from Berlin called Bernd Juergen B. responded to the ad.

State prosecutor Hans-Manfred Jung said the men reportedly agreed to amputate B.'s penis because "they both wanted to prepare the sex organ for eating." M.-described as a quiet, unassuming character by his neighbors-allegedly stabbed B. to death, sliced him into pieces, stored some of the parts in his freezer for later consumption, and buried the rest, according to Jung.

The Berliner was reported missing, but there had been no trace of him until police stumbled on Arnim M. thanks to another series of online personal ads. When they searched his flat Tuesday, they found deep-frozen human flesh as well as skeletal parts and some 50 videotapes.

Police said five other men had responded to M.'s new advertisements.

HOROSCOPES

BY C. LICHTENSTEIN

Every year, dynamic Pluto "conjuncts" the Sun and wreaks havoc with our little lives. This week, the old sod plays cosmic bumper cars with Sun in Sag so Gay Archers in particular feel the brunt of Pluto's charge. Don't feel lonely dear, queer Sag; all signs will feel a little zetz or two when all is said and done. Let's see how electric is your circus.

ARIES

MARCH 21 - APRIL 20

Just when you thought that the wheels of justice had ground to a halt, Pluto conjuncts the Sun and floods the courts with sweaty, ill dressed masses craving attention. Rainbow Rams get more than they bargained for in the action department. Play Madam De-Farge if you like and shriek for revolution but remember that blood stains are a bitch to remove.

TAURUS

APRIL 21 - MAY 21

The path to true lust was just paved over and turned into a four lane tractor trailer highway thanks to the Pluto/Sun aspect. As you fumble for change for the toll ask yourself if there may be a better route to haul your rocks. Proud Bulls deserve a sensuous, slow, romantic winding cul-de-sac for their loving. Pull over to a rest stop and wait until next week, dear.

GEMINI

MAY 22 - JUNE 21

Jet setting Gay Twins may find that the bonds of relationships may be getting a little frayed right now. Before the connection totally snaps, opt out of the rat race and give your partner a little TLC. The Sun conjunct Pluto can turn marital bliss into a living hell if you are not careful. Frankly, it's getting too close to New Years Eve to even think of changing your dance card.

CANCER

JUNE 22 - JULY 23

Don't even try to get your workspace in order; it's a lost cause. The Sun conjunct Pluto is guaranteed to upend any well planned endeavor or detailed project so it is best to batten down the hatches and prepare for a monsoon. Pink Crabs are also advised to conserve their energy this week lest Pluto decides to put you through a few extra stressful paces. This too shall pass.

LEO

JULY 24 - AUGUST 23

Fun has a tendency to get way out of hand when Pluto conjuncts the Sun so tread lightly in any party situation. Proud Lions get much more than they bargained for with any petty display of petulance so hold off on any artistic outbursts until next week. Those that strut and fret their hour upon the stage are then heard no more and that is a true Leo punishment!

VIRGO

AUGUST 24 - SEPTEMBER 23

The Pluto / Sun aspect can cause commotions around the house. Since Pluto rules the underworld, it can mean that pipes may burst or (a horror for clean Virgos) infestation. On the other hand it could also mean a personal release for you; It's time to come out to your family. Pluto changes the landscape forever and good thing too. Hire a dump truck.

LIBRA

SEPTEMBER 24 - OCTOBER 23

They call you charming and diplomatic.... but not this week dear. Pluto and the Sun place landmines throughout your communication. This is fine if you want to start WWII, but not so fine if you're trying to keep the peace. Gay Libras are advised to zip the lip and think only nice thoughts. Anyway, don't they say that actions speak louder and prouder than words?

SCORPIO

OCTOBER 24 - NOVEMBER 22

Even the most pernicious proud Scorp may hit some money trouble when the Sun conjuncts Pluto. There is not much you can do about market corrections to your financial portfolio right now so hold on tight and wait until next week. Avoid any major purchases if you can. Even paying off your tight hot pink leather cutaway suit can wait.... until next week.

SAGITTARIUS

NOVEMBER 23 - DECEMBER 22

Prepare for a personal jolt or five thanks to volcanic Pluto conjunct the Sun in your own sign. Everything that you've built over the past few years is due for a shake-up, a re-evaluation or destruction. Poor queer Archers may not know which 2 X 4 hit them as their house comes down. Look on the bright side- you won't have to dust anymore (as if you ever did....).

CAPRICORN

DECEMBER 23 - JANUARY 20

Pluto conjunct the Sun throws a strobe light on all that is hidden or repressed in your life. Be prepared to slay a few oppressive dragons and heretofore hidden enemies this week. For all closeted Caps who are seeking a low profile, fat chance bubble! The best thing about Pluto is that it cannot tolerate falsity. No matter what your fears are, there is nothing as scary as living a lie.

AQUARIUS

JANUARY 21 - FEBRUARY 19

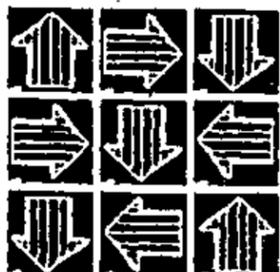
Friends may drop a bombshell on you when Pluto conjuncts the Sun so pack an umbrella. The funny thing is that Aquarians like to hold their friends especially near and dear so any surprises here will be received more like a shock. Buck up soldier and realize that people are unique, mysterious and have their own lives. Maybe that's what makes them so darn interesting.

PISCES

FEBRUARY 20 - MARCH 20

No sooner did you think that you had your career all sorted out than volcanic Pluto conjuncts the Sun and throws your best corporate takeovers on the auction block. Poor pink Fish have one last swim with the piranhas before this transit is over. Then you can receive that much deserved reward. Think fast so you don't become tonight's fish stew. Better still, take a vacation.

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POLITICS 2002

by Mark R. Kerr

'Its Time To Celebrate The Credit Card, Not Politics!'

One would think that in the month of December that politics would slow down but not now, since things are picking up since Mississippi's Senator Trent Lott, the supposed GOP Majority Leader, espousing how great the country would have been if good-old-boy, Strom "Tang" Thurmond, the 100-year-old racist Senator from South Carolina had actually won his renegade 1948 presidential bid for the Dixiecrat party against Harry Truman. Lott claims a "whoopsies", stating he was just winging it but thanks to an Internet site, not the nitwit mainstream media-opoly bias and all, this wasn't the first but another of many by Lott and voila, instant news story to gather big ratings!

This past week, Dubya got his lines right, rebuking Lott, reciting that the Mississippi Senator's view don't represent the country's or the party of Lincoln and then in turn, on the same day before his photo-op chastising Lott, signs an executive order allowing religious groups and organizations to apply for federal grants. The order lets groups that hire staff based on their religious beliefs apply for federal funding, but forces them to provide services to all who are eligible, regardless of religion. Yes, feed them but don't hire them.

With the new year, 2003, just around the corner, it's time for the party out of power, this time the Democrats, to gear up for their presidential contest to see who will be their standard-bearer in 2004 and there was some surprise news this week.

Former Vice President Al Gore

told a national television audience Sunday, December 15, he would not seek a rematch with President George W. Bush in 2004. In an interview on the CBS News program "60 Minutes," he acknowledged that his withdrawal from the race in 2004 "probably meant" he would never again seek the office of the President.

"I make this decision in the full knowledge and awareness that if I don't run this time, which I'm not — going to run in 2004, that's probably the last opportunity I'll have had to run for president," he said.

Gore suggested in the interview he might not be the strongest challenger to unseat the president because of how Bush prevailed at the close of the 2000 campaign, and his claim on the office ended with an enormously controversial 5-4 decision by the U.S. Supreme Court.

During the interview, he expressed the notion that a replay of the 2000 race was not in his party's or the nation's best interest. "I think that a campaign that would be a rematch between myself and President Bush would inevitably involve a focus on the past that would in some measure distract from the focus on the future that I think all campaigns have to be about." The former Vice President would likely have been the front-runner in a Democratic field already crowded with strong candidates, though many high-ranking party officials and activists privately expressed the hope he wouldn't run but who knows, Nixon waited eight years between bids and was elected and Gore is no "Tricky Dick," thank heavens.

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Hoy día tengo amigos que les da miedo, pánico, terror, etc, el solo hecho de pensar en hacerse la prueba del HIV. "Por algo ha de ser", les digo. "No se han portado muy bien que digamos", y pues es difícil tratar de convencerlos de que se hagan dicho examen. Me siento a su lado, me armo de paciencia y les explico de las grandes ventajas de hacerse la prueba del HIV. "Lo peor que les puede pasar es que estén infectados, y de ser así el saberlo es una ventaja muy grande ya que hay medicamentos muy eficaces los cuales pueden empezar a tomar para que el virus de la inmunodeficiencia no se replique de una manera tan rápida en sus cuerpos y acabe con sus vidas en un tris - tras". No es bueno andar con la duda pues parece que es un cuchillito de madera que no nos deja ni dormir. En caso de que salieran positivos al VIH, es importante empezar a cuidarse no desvelándose, no fumando, no drogándose (en caso de que lo hagan), alimentándose bien, haciendo ejercicio, no ingiriendo alcohol, en fin llevando una vida sana. Eso ayuda mucho al sistema inmune y una de las cosas más importantes incluye que no infectarán a nadie más, pues siempre tomarán las precauciones necesarias.

Aparte, en la actualidad hay programas de ayuda muy buenos (un ejemplo: Salud es Poder) con los cuales pueden asesorarse y recibir una atención de calidad para su bienestar tanto físico como psicológico. Ahí les explican a detalle lo que el virus hace en su cuerpo y como lo pueden atacar. También explican porque el estado de animo es muy importante para la

salud. En fin, enseñan mucho acerca del VIH-SIDA. Eso poco a poco los va sensibilizando a tal grado que se aprende a vivir con el virus de una manera "normal", es decir, como el resto de la gente. También los orientan acerca de asesorías y atención médica que son elementales en esta enfermedad ya que no hay cura. Eso sí, se debe tener mucho cuidado en saber a quien se le dice de la enfermedad, eso queda a conciencia de cada paciente ya que a veces puede salir contraproducente.

En cuanto al hecho de salir negativo, que bien, se quita la duda y se respira mejor, se cuidan mas, ya que valoran más la salud. Es posible que se vuelvan mas precavidos e incluso hay quienes se meten de voluntarios para luchar contra esta epidemia. Se informan más a detalle, respetan a los que están infectados y los ayudan de una manera más humana. Es por eso que yo digo, "el hacerse la prueba del HIV es una gran ventaja, pero bueno esa es una decisión muy personal, yo te exhorto a que te la hagas, es gratuita y rápida, y así te quitas la duda".

Este artículo es una contribución anónima y le agradecemos mucho su participación a nuestro voluntario. En Salud es Poder ofrecemos la prueba del VIH todos los jueves de las 9 a las 12 de la noche en el club nocturno Escándalo, 4696 Sur de la Avenida 12th. También puedes hablarnos a la oficina y hacer una cita, el teléfono es (520) 628-7223, o por correo electrónico a salud@saaf.org.

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A View From The Rock
A Commentary From Cornerstone Fellowship

What About Gossiping?

By Joy L. Childress

A couple of weeks ago during Bible study, we got into a discussion of "gossiping". It started me thinking about what really is gossip, and why people engage in it. In the Webster dictionary, there are 3 definitions of the word gossip: (1) a person who habitually reveals personal or sensational facts; (2) rumor or report of a personal nature; (3) an informal conversation. After seeing the dictionary definitions, I went to the concordance of my Bible to see what the Bible has to say about gossip. I found only five verses about gossip. The first 4 verses give the effects of gossip: (1) A gossip betrays a confidence. (Proverbs 11:13) (2) Gossip separates close friends. (Proverbs 16:28) (3) The words of a gossip are like choice morsels. (Proverbs 18:8) (4) Without gossip, a quarrel dies down. (Proverbs 26:20) (5) In the fifth verse (2 Cor. 12:20), Paul writes of his fears about what the people in the Corinth church are doing, i.e., quarreling, being jealous, gossiping, etc.

Now, to the question of why people gossip. The third definition in the dictionary gave me a clue: "An informal conversation". Usually when people engage in an informal conversation, they just simply don't know what else to say. I believe there are 5 reasons why people engage in an informal conversation, or, in other words, gossip. 1. They don't have enough vocabulary and use of language skills; 2. They do not possess correct, critical thinking skills; 3. They do not have enough knowledge of conversation skills; 4. People talk about the faults of others because they don't want to or don't know how to deal with their own failings; 5. People project their own weaknesses onto others.

Well, then, how are we as Christians suppose to deal with the fact that

people gossip for whatever reason? When people we are talking to and with start to gossip, do we walk away? partake in the gossip? change the subject? listen to them? I do not want to be trite with this popular phrase, "what would Jesus do?" But I raise that question, what would Jesus really do in this situation? From what I know and understand Jesus from my walk with Him, I believe He would listen compassionately to what the other person is saying. I believe He would listen for reasons why that person is gossiping; such as, how does this person use words and phrases? What kind of knowledge does this person lack? Does this person have such a poor vocabulary that all the words he or she knows are basic and just revolve around his/her small world? Does this person have such a poor image of himself/herself that he/she has to put other people down in order to feel good about himself/herself? Does this person possess such little knowledge of the world that he/she can't converse about philosophies, world affairs, current events, etc.? I believe Jesus would ascertain and discern why the gossip is saying such things, and then I know He would love that person and pray for him/her.

To sum it all up, gossipers simply don't have the knowledge or the depth to talk about anything else. If we walk away from the gossip, we are unconsciously condemning and judging that person and his/her ignorance. Walking away is a silent way of criticizing, and putting ourselves higher and purer. I believe Jesus would stay, listen to the HEART of that person, discern motives for the gossip, love that person, and then pray for that person.

I ask that we love one another. As you have heard from the beginning, God's command is that you walk in love. 2 John 5,6

GENDER PRIDE BY JONI K. MALITE

Last I heard New York State was debating between two Gay-rights bills. One bill extends protection to include Transgender people, the other doesn't. The New York trans community has been understandably concerned they might be left behind in the struggle to secure rights for GLB people. They've argued that transpeople are often the most visible segment of the Queer community, and often the most stigmatized, threatened, and discriminated against.

I can certainly identify with their frustration. On the other hand, sometimes change is incremental. Much as we may resent being left behind, can take comfort in the realization that once Gay rights are secured by law, it's always been a lot easier for us to win our rights too.

And recent hate crimes, lawsuits, and instances of discrimination show that the Gay-rights battle itself is far from won. In all honesty, homophobia frightens me. If some people go ballistic at something so seemingly innocuous as two men or two women kissing, how will they react to someone like me?

As I said previously, let's not give anything to homophobic charities like the Salvation Army. Pro-GLBT organizations like SAAF (520) 628-7223, SACASA (520) 327-1171, Wingspan (520) 624-1779, and of course SAGA always need our support, so there's plenty of loving places to practice your holiday generosity.

Chanukah went by without my

paying much attention. Too bad, as it commemorates the Israelis' miraculous victory over their Hellenistic oppressors, something GLBT people can identify with. Nobody forces Chanukah down your throat either, unlike Christmas; but I'll get to that next week.

At 8:00 p.m., this coming Friday, December 20, Namoli Brennet, our local MTF songwriter and recording artist, will be performing at a CD release party at 121 East 7th Street. This Saturday is the winter solstice, and in addition to the SAGA holiday party (write arizonamanda@aol.com) there will be a Native American sweat lodge ceremony for women, or is it wymin, starting at 3:00 p.m. Men are invited to come at 6:30 for the post-lodge solstice celebration. And on January 11 there will be a sweat lodge for men. For info write Kulstan@hotmail.com, or eaglebearboyd@juno.com, or (discreetly) call (520) 690-0546. The categories "women" and "men" in Native-American terms refer to your primary gender identity. What's in your pants is irrelevant. Unless it's a hippopotamus. Whatever.

Monday at seven I believe is girl-talk night with the Desert Girlz at Rainbow Planet. And on January 6 at 7:00 p.m. will be the SAGA monthly meeting at Wingspan. What did I leave out? Write me at desertwordsmith@yahoo.com. Happy holidays, Sweetie!

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My So-Called Life

So I agreed. He came over, and as we sat on the edge of my bed he proceeded to tell me that he had tested positive for HIV and also had AIDS. That same heart that had been on the floor in a crumbled mess broke down even further. We both cried a great deal, and after the tears David said that he wanted to share whatever time he had left with me. Since his diagnosis he realized how much love he had for me and how much he needed me (what a sucker I was). Much to his surprise, I told him that I had never wanted to be with anyone else but him since the day we had met. Needless to say, we started our lives together once again and have been together for the last eleven years.

always thought that since I was the top I didn't have to wear a condom since only bottoms were at risk and I was negative (it's amazing the lies we create to ignorantly justify our needs at any given time).

During all of this we opened a restaurant in the heart of town and it quickly became quite popular. On the weekends it was not unusual for a two-hour wait. Due to our success we were reviewed in several newspapers and magazines and received several awards. With all of this behind us, what could go wrong now? Seemed like the perfect time to find a bigger place. We found our new location and moved in with a staff of 28. We were set.

Sometimes it's hard to know when to go for something that you think might be right. Our lives are a culmination of right or wrong choices made (so be damn sure you make the right choices because it could get ugly!). We got David on meds right away and he stabilized. Psychologically, he was afraid of moving forward in life because he might be cut down early in his tracks and not able to complete what he had started (back then AIDS was an instant death sentence, a silent messenger of fear and loss that walks in one's shadow every day).

However, the daily companion lurking in my shadow would now begin to take me down another path, different than that of David's. What happens to us is the result of the choices we make along our path. I have to take personal responsibility for my HIV infection because it was my choice that opened the door to exposure. One cannot find refuge in being a victim to this disease without blinding themselves to the real truth of irresponsible actions. To be continued...

Two years later, I became very sick and went to the doctor. Much to my surprise, I had an infection caused by HIV. My choice of not wearing a condom led to my being infected with HIV- Go figure. !

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

Gay Man To Lead Nation's Oldest Bar Association

PHILADELPHIA, PA (GFN) - The oldest bar association in the U.S. has elected its first openly Gay leader. With the election of Andrew A. Chirls, 46, the Philadelphia Bar Association becomes the first bar association of a state or major city to elect an out Gay leader.

Chirls will serve as Vice Chancellor of the Association in 2003, as Chancellor-Elect in 2004, and automatically move up to the Chancellor's post the following year. The 13,000-member Philadelphia Bar Association is America's oldest chartered metropolitan bar association.

"It is an honor to be elected to this post at such a challenging time," said Chirls. "My colleagues' selection of me as their leader says a lot about the collegiality of our legal community. I hope it attracts the best, brightest, and most diverse new law school graduates to Philadelphia."

Chirls is a litigation partner with the Philadelphia law firm of Wolf, Block, Schorr and Solis-Cohen, and has been with his life partner, Larry Frankel, also a Philadelphia lawyer, for 24 years.

Di's Butler's Letters

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said. Rick Andrews, co-owner with Pead and McConnell of the antiques store, said he can see no reason why the private letters should not be sold. "They are no good anymore, and he [Pead] doesn't want them," Andrews said. "I would say they will go on the market and it depends what the market is prepared to pay for something like that. Are they worth a dollar each or \$10,000 [U.S. \$5,600] each? You never know."

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NON-BAR CALENDAR

GROUPS / CLUBS / ORGANIZATIONS

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18

Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. Join Karol for MSN's new Canasta Club. If you don't know how to play, we'll be glad to teach you. For reservations and directions, please call Karol at 744-9017.

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

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 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. Jerry & Les host the continuing saga of the Fisher family in "Six Feet Under". For reservations and directions, please call Jerry or Les at 690-9565.

A Men's Fellowship Group starts at 7:00 p.m. at the Water of Life MCC. All men are invited to come and expand your relationship with God. You need not be a church member to participate. For more information call (520) 292-9151

Hallelujah Recovery Drug and Alcohol 12-step program at Cornerstone Fellowship, 2902 N. Geronimo. Every Thursday 5:30-6:30 p.m. 622-4526 or 272-8500.

7:00 to 9:30 p.m., The Men's Relationship Group meets and will include a video on Tantra. A great way to meet new men and make friends and have some clean fun. Fee. Call Marc at 881-4582.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20

Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. Join John & Carlos as they host Pizza Night. For only \$5, you get pizza, salad, drinks and desserts. For reservations and directions, please call John or Carlos at 327-3135

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21

#1. Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 9:00 a.m. Join Jack for a morning of Volleyball. This is played for fun, and you'll get to know some nice guys as you play. For details and directions, please call Jack at 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.

#1. Tucson Prime Timers Lunch; Business Meeting — noon The Hometown Buffet 5101 N. Oracle Rd. NW. of River Rd.

#2. Tucson Prime Timers Food and Drinks — 5:00 p.m. at Woody's. 3710 N. Oracle Rd. N. of Prince

A wild, wonderful Tantra holiday party. Call 881-4582 to reserve a place.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22

Special Guest Evangelist Marsha Stevens to perform at Water of Life MCC, at the 10:15 a.m. Worship Service as well as a concert at 6:00 p.m.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 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.

Tucson Prime Timers Lunch at 1:00 p.m. The Wildcat House, 1800 N. Stone — South of Grant.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24

Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. Join Chris 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 Chris at 304-5814.

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service at Water of Life MCC to begin at 10:45 p.m. Special reception following service hosted by the Board of Directors.

Christmas Eve Service at Cornerstone Fellowship, 2902 N. Geronimo. 6:00 p.m. All are invited to celebrate Christmas at Cornerstone. 622-4526.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25

#1. Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 1:00 p.m. You're invited to join your Gay family for a traditional Potluck Christmas Dinner. The main dishes are provided, and we ask you to bring a side dish or dessert to share with others. For directions and reservations, please call Bill at 546-7539.

#2. Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 3:00 p.m. We show the holiday-themed movie "A Mid-Winter's Tale", about a troupe of actors trying to put on a play. For directions and reservations, please call Bill at 546-7539.

#3. Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 5:00 p.m. We show the holiday classic, "Meet Me in St. Louis", with Judy Garland as the girl with an eye on "The Boy Next Door". For directions and reservations, please call Bill at 546-7539

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 26

A Men's Fellowship Group starts at 7:00 p.m. at the Water of Life MCC. All men are invited to come and expand your relationship with God. You need not be a church member to participate. For more

Bar Calendar

Of Upcoming Events

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18

IBTS 9:00 p.m. DivaLicious Show hosted by Lucinda Holiday and starting Phaedra, Tabetha Lovell and Mr. Kenneth Blake.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20

IBTS - Special CD release party for Susan Artemis' new CD: 6:00 to 9:00 p.m.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21

YARD DOG - Come celebrate bartender Bob McEnany's 66th birthday from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. and then at 6:30 p.m. there's a musical revue with the "Revelites".

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22

AINT NOBODY'S BIZ - A Christmas Drag Show here beginning at 9:30 p.m. featuring Jasmine Bouvier, Foxy, Diana Flair, Torri Steele, Dafni and Ariel Speers.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22

IBTS - Party line-up includes Sean's Recovery Bar from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. \$1.75 Bloody Marys, Screwdrivers or Mimosas. Karaoke Party with Michael D. on the patio from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m., Benefit Bar-B-Que / Beer Bust from 5:30 to 8:00 p.m. This week's proceeds go to Gay Men's Health Project. 8:00 p.m. it's a special Holiday Show starring Aija Simone, Mr. Kenneth Blake, Faith Michaels and Tabetha Lovell. 9:30 p.m. special guest DJ for your dancing pleasure.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24

IBTS - 9:00 p.m. a special Christmas Eve 'DivaLicious Show' starring Mr. Kenneth Blake, Bunny FuFu, Veronica Hollowell and Tabetha Lovell.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25

CHRISTMAS DAY

IBTS - Will open at 7:00 p.m. to allow their employees to spend Christmas day with their loved ones.

VENTURE-N - Will open at 10:00 a.m. today.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31

NEW YEARS EVE

Get ready to celebrate the New Year at your favorite watering hole but be sure to not attempt to drive while under the influence! As the bartender about the free ride home program.

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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 28

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.

Tucson Prime Timers Food & Drinks — 5:00 p.m. Woody's, 3710 N. Oracle Rd. N. of Prince

MONDAY, DECEMBER 30

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 at 1:00 p.m. at The Wildcat House, 1800 N. Stone Ave., S. of Grant

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31

What are you doing New Year's Eve? How about dancing on fourth Avenue. At the Hut, 305 N. 4th Avenue from 8:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. \$20 cover charge includes hors d'oeuvres, champagne toast, party favors and door prizes. There is a full service bar available at regular prices, smoking on heated patio only, and drink specials all night. Enjoy your country and rock'n roll favorites. This is a Gay-Friendly event. You must be 21 or over. 3rd Annual Party at the Hut brought to you by Something Special Mobile Music Service. 322-5935.

Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. Join the guys for our annual New Year's Eve Game Night. We'll play until midnight or so, and we'll toast in the New Year with sparkling cider. For directions and reservations, please call Les at 690-9565.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1

Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. The Canasta Club meets to play this fun card game. If you don't know how to play, we'll teach you. For directions and reservations, please call Marty at 722-8531.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 4

#1. Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 9:00 a.m. Join Jack for a morning of Volleyball. This is played for fun, and you'll get to know some nice guys as you play. For details and directions, please call Jack at 881-5733.

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

MONDAY, JANUARY 6

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

AINT NOBODY'S BIZ - Open 2pm. Beer Bust 5-10, \$1.25 pitchers Bud or Bud Light. Latin Music with DJ Hill 8pm to close. Drink & Shot specials all night.

IBTS - 10am-8pm \$1.75 Bloodys, Screws or Mimosas. Sangria Party \$2.50 from 4-1 Benefit B-B-Q and Beer Bust for community organizations 5:30-8pm. Karaoke with Michael D. on the patio 4:30-7:30. 8:30 shows or special events or Hi energy dancing w/DJ Dr. Who. (Call for details). All drink specials not available during special events.

NOVEMBER BAR & GRILL - Open 10am. Brunch 11am-1pm. Free Pool 8pm-close. VENTURE-N - Open 10am. Patio open 3pm. Daily special til 7pm. Patio Beer bust 3-7. Burger Bar-B-Que 5-7. (Donation only).

WOODY'S - Open 11am. \$1.50 Bloody Marys, screwdrivers, Mimosas, Happy Hour 11am-8pm \$2 well or domestic beer. Patio Bar open 5-close. Pick-up Volleyball games 5-7. \$2.50 sirloin burger or chicken 5-8pm. Karaoke with Michael D. 9pm.

YARD DOG - Open Sundays 10am - 1am. Bloody Marys or Screwdrivers \$1.75 from 10am - 1pm. 50¢ off any Rum 1pm-7pm. Dinner and live jazz 5-8pm. Kennel open daily at 5pm.

Monday

AINT 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-8pm, \$2 domestic beer and well. 4-9pm. Uncle Monday - Happy Hour prices for those in their undies 8pm-close. Queer As Folk shown beginning at 8pm. Hot Dancing follows. All drink specials not available during special events.

NOVEMBER BAR & GRILL - Open 10am. Happy Hour 3-5pm. Free Pool 8pm-close.

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

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

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

Tuesday

AINT NOBODY'S BIZ - Open 2pm. Happy Hour Two-For-One domestic beer & well 2-7pm. Pool tourney 7:30pm. \$3 entry, bar matches pool. Country music 9pm to close. \$2 bottled Bud products 8pm to close.

IBTS - Open 11am. Happy Hours 11am-8pm. \$2 domestic beer and well. 4-8pm. Tee's & Tattoo Nite, wear an IBTS T-shirt or IBT tattoo get happy hour prices 9 to close, or buy an IBTS T-shirt for \$5 and get a complimentary drink. House Hi-Nergy Dance 8pm to close w/DJ-Q.

NOVEMBER BAR & GRILL - Open 10am. Happy Hour 4-5. Old Skool Karaoke.

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

WOODY'S - Open Noon. \$2 well or domestic til 8pm. Tropical drink specials 6 to close. \$3 zombies, Jungle Juice, Mal Tai's.

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

Wednesday

AINT 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 4pm to close.

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

NOVEMBER BAR & GRILL - Open 10am. Happy Hour 3-8. Karaoke with Debbie 8pm - close.

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

WOODY'S - Open Noon. \$2 well or domestic beer til 8pm. Volleyball games start 7pm. Underwear-fetish-leather role with Michael \$1 off your favorite drink. Chili dogs or bowls \$1.

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

Thursday

AINT NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Open 2pm. Happy Hour 2-7pm with 2-4-1 domestic beer and well. Karaoke 9-close, with \$2 Kamikazees 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 9-1 All drink specials not available during special events.

NOVEMBER BAR & GRILL - Open 10am. Happy Hour 3-5. Steak Nite \$5.99 10oz steak with baked potato and salad

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

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

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

Friday

AINT 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 8-8pm. Patio Bar 5-1pm. Dance Party 9 to 1. All drink specials not available during special events.

NOVEMBER BAR & GRILL - Open 10am. Happy Hour 3-5. Fish or Shrimp Fry \$5.99 4:30-8:30pm. Country Dance with Ubbly and Pat 8:30pm-12:30am.

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 Martini's \$2.00 all day. Call Martini's \$3 from 4pm to close. Volleyball Court is Open. Patio Bar Open 7pm - midnight.

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

Saturday

AINT NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Open at 2pm. Pool Tournament 6:30pm \$3 entry. Bar matches pool. \$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.

NOVEMBER BAR & GRILL - Open 10am. Dance with DJ Raymann 9pm-close.

VENTURE-N - Open 10am. Patio Bar open at 3pm. Daily special til 7pm. Patio Beer Bust 3-7pm.

WOODY'S - Open 11am \$2 well or domestic beer. Til 8pm. Happy Hour 4-8pm. \$1.75 well or domestics. Patio Bar opens 5pm. 5-9pm Filet Mignon or Swordfish BBQ with all the trimmings \$5.

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

NOTICES

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 299-6647.

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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 Santa Peter and Paul Catholic Church, 1436 N. Campbell across from University Hospital. For more info. Call Anabel at 325-0892

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

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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. Dezer Girlz (MTF) Meets 2nd Monday at 7pm. Dezer 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. SAGA Email@aol.com lpjmembers@aol.com

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

ARIZONA AIDS POLICY ALLIANCE (AZAPA) seeks to educate legislators and citizens about sound AIDS policy. For more information write AZAPA, 6523 N. 14th St., #112, Phoenix, AZ 85014 or call 602-278-4805.

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

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

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

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

SAA (Sex Addicts Anonymous) has 6 meetings a week in Tucson. People who wish to stop their compulsive sexual behavior, please call (520)570-1225 for current information.

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

LUTHERANS CONCERNED - Tucson chapter for Gay/Lesbian Lutherans meets 3rd 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 624-0348 (24-hour line)

REVELLE GAY MEN'S CHORUS rehearses Tuesdays 7-10pm at MCC Church, 3269 N. Mountain. Have any history experience singing? Join us!! Call 617-3100 for more info.

HALLELUJAH RECOVERY DRUG & ALCOHOL 12-STEP. Every Thursday 5:30-8:30pm at Cornerstone Fellowship, 2902 N. Geronimo. 622-4628.

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TGN Arizona: The central source for news and information for, by and about the TS, TG, and Gender-variant communities of Arizona. Website URL: <http://www.tgnarizona.org> - e-mail address: sgoodrum@uswest.net or

"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.

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

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

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

LESBIAN SUPPORT GROUP. Involving discussion, support and activities. Designed to support each other. Meets 1st & 3rd Tuesday of each month from 6:30 to 8pm. Alternate Saturdays the group meets for social activities. For info call Dorian Easty. 882-7723 Facilitator.

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 575-8680 or write P.O. Box 36264, Tucson, AZ 85740-8264. All replies confidential.

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

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

The TUCSON Chapter of **PRIME TIMERS WORLDWIDE** invites Gay or Bisexual men and their admirers to join and share Prime Timers fellowship. We welcome mature men (and admirers) who wish to become involved with planned and future Prime Timers activities. Meetings luncheons and dinners are held monthly. For dates, times and information call 890-4613, 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 981-1794 - 8 am - 5 pm Mon. - Fri.

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

GAY OR BI-SEXUAL MEN in relationships with women. Need friends you can talk to? Weekly support group meets Wednesdays 6:30 - 8:00 pm. Licensed psychologist facilitator. Call 745-6977 in Tucson for more information. Strictly confidential.

WINGSPAN - Tucson's Gay, Lesbian & Bisexual Community Center, 300 E. 6th St., offers support groups / info line / social events / library / meeting space. Volunteer Opportunities. Board meetings every 2nd Thursday (open to all), 6:00 p.m. Information 624-1779.

RAINBOW SUPPORT GROUP: LGBT and supportive friends meet for open discussions in a loving, supportive atmosphere. Support meetings are the 2nd and 4th Thursdays from 7:30 to 9:00 pm at St. Francis in the foothills Church, Swan and River Road, Room 42. The 3rd Thursdays of the month, the group will meet at 7:30pm at Rainbow Planet Coffeehouse (606 North 4th Ave.) as a social outing. For more information call the church at 299-8063 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 (GPGLCC) P.O. BOX 2097, Phoenix, AZ 85001-2097. E-mail: webmaster@gpgcc.org or call (602)225-8444.

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

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

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

LESBIAN AND GAY AL-ANON - Affected by someone's drinking? Meeting every Tuesday 8:45 to 9:45 p.m. at Lambda Center, 2940 E. Thomas, Phoenix. Elie 581-8850 or Ronn 668-2384.

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 624-8768.

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 749-5247.

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

COME EXPLORE YOUR SPIRITUALITY! St. Philip's in the Hills Episcopal Church offers a variety of Gay and Lesbian groups and services for the spiritually minded. Come meet the Family! For more information call Debbie 579-8827 or David 323-7943.

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

DESERT VOICES, Tucson's Gay & Lesbian Chorus rehearses Monday evenings from 6:30 to 9:30pm at Arroyo Park Senior Center, 220 S. 6th Ave. Call 791-9662.

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

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

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

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

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

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

THE MEN'S MESSAGE 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 615-6438 for more info.

TUCSON PRIDE, INC. (Formerly Tucson Lesbian and Gay Alliance - TLGA) meets on the second Tuesday at 845 S. Craycroft Road at 7pm. 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 TPI website at www.tucsonpride.com

LEARN TO BE A LISTENING FRIEND Unique Hospital Volunteer Program teaches listening skills to Volunteers who provide a safe/compassionate environment to at-risk patients. Training every 6 weeks. 694-7063.

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

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