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Tucsonans Meet Howard Dean



by Jerry Diaz

TUCSON - On Saturday, July 5, more than 1,600 people crowded into the University Marriott hotel for a campaign rally for Vermont Governor Howard Dean, running for the 2004 Democratic nomination for President. Observer reporter Jerry Diaz attended the event and what follows is his write-up of what happened:

The assignment seemed simple enough, go to and review a political rally for Howard Dean, the former Governor of Vermont who has thrown his hat into the ring for our nation's highest position. This reporter arrived at the University Marriott early, not knowing if the expected crowd of 500 to 700 would do the same. Parking near the University can be trying on a Saturday.

Entering the hotel ballroom, a familiar face immediately greeted me. Bill is a volunteer in the Tucson Dean campaign. He is retired military and has been involved in politics since the days of John F. Kennedy, meeting during the last Meet Up here in town. Meet Ups are the latest tool in our political process, although they take their lead from a very old American idea. Townspeople gather once a month to talk about issues regarding the candidate of their choice. They get to hear what the candidate

is saying on a variety of issues, and there are Q and A sessions to better educate those who might not in the know.

After greeting and signing in with Bill, making sure to position myself in a strategic place to get good pictures. Bill stated his excitement with what was to come. "This is a great time to be involved with the election", he says with a gleam in his eye. The standard ballroom was set up lengthwise, with the podium on one end and a removable wall on the other. About an hour prior to the scheduled start (political time is its own entity), there were already about 250 people there. Most were seated on the floor, near the podium. There were small islands set up around the ballroom for the purpose of the press, so yours truly commandeered one opposite the main door to get a good view of the crowd as they entered, from the lens of the camera, being able to clearly see the many faces that would enter the ballroom.

Hearing a "hello", looking down off the camera stand to notice another friendly face. Amy is a 20-something Dean supporter. Her anticipation and excitement brought memories of Democratic primaries of the 60's, seeing the films of the young

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California Same-Sex Couples Get Tax Break

SACRAMENTO - The state of California will soon give registered domestic partners the same tax break on property transfers as married couples, reported the Gay.com/PlanetOut.com network.

California's elected tax board passed the proposed tax rule change on Wednesday with a 3-2 vote that followed party lines. The revision will take effect in two months, the *San Francisco Chronicle* reported.

The State Board of Equalization's openly Gay chairwoman Carole Migden said, "Changing these rules assures that domestic partners don't lose their houses when they're grieving for their spouses. I think that's a major step."

Critics of the change say it will cost local governments millions of dollars in lost tax revenue. Migden doesn't believe Gay and Lesbian couples should be singled out for that burden.

Equality California Executive Director Geoffrey Kors agrees with Migden. "Same-sex couples are denied over a thousand federal and state rights available to married couples. This is one step to correct that situation," said Kors.

Before the change, jointly owned property was reassessed as it passed to the surviving partner, while the property owned by married couples kept its original value.

Kors believes the new rule could save some individuals tens of thousands of dollars, depending on the situation. He also thinks there is a psychological benefit for the state's Gay and Lesbian community.

"It means all of the work that has been done is finally resulting in the state of California recognizing Gay and Lesbian couples as equal players," said Kors.

The new rule is an incentive for domestic partners to register in California. In an effort to make that process more convenient, Secretary of State Kevin Shelley said Wednesday his department's regional offices will now offer same-sex registry enrollments. Shelley authored California's domestic partnership law.

Kors likes all the positive moves both locally and federally he's seen lately for the Gay community. He said, "It's terrific, it's long overdue, and part of the wave of changes we've been seeing over the last couple of months. It's a good year."

House OKs Disputed Sex Research Grants

WASHINGTON - A bid to block some federal research grants for sexual health studies, including projects focused on GLBT sexuality, was narrowly defeated in the U.S. House of Representatives on Thursday, July 10, reported the Gay.com/PlanetOut.com network.

The measure, led by Rep. Pat Toomey, R-Pa., focused on four particular projects selected for grants totaling \$1.4 million from the National Institutes of Health (news - web sites) (NIH). The House voted 212-210 to allow funding for the research next year, the *Associated Press* reported.

One of the grants, estimated at \$500,000, was awarded to the University of Washington in Seattle to study GLBT groups in the American Indian and Alaskan Native population segments. Another focused on mood arousal and sexual risk taking.

"I ask my colleagues, who thinks this stuff up?" Toomey reportedly asked during House debate. "These are not worthy ? of taxpayer funds."

Opponents, however, warned that lawmakers may be overstepping a

boundary.

"We have no business making political judgments on those issues," said Rep. David Obey, D-Wis.

The debate and narrow margin of victory confirm the fears of some HIV/AIDS and sexual health researchers that politics is becoming an increasing interference under the current administration. Some scientists say they've been told to censor their grant applications that contain politically sensitive terms like "Gay," "sex worker" and "Transgender."

Earlier this month, more than 150 HIV/AIDS groups and other organizations wrote a letter to President Bush that warned about the censorship of AIDS research.

"When HIV/AIDS researchers are implicitly or explicitly discouraged from doing research that includes any mention of Gay or Bisexual men, or sexual behavior between men that may put them at risk for HIV transmission, there is a clear censorship of potentially life-saving information that could help a community still devastated by the AIDS epidemic and new infections," the letter said. "We call on the administration to protect science from such dangerous politics."

UPDATE

Sidewinders Baseball Benefit Sunday, July 20

TUCSON - Get ready for this weekend's 4th Annual Tucson Sidewinders Baseball benefit for TIHAN (the Tucson Interfaith HIV/AIDS Network).

The Sidewinders will take on the Edmonton Trappers at the Tucson Electric Park at 6:30 p.m. on Sunday, July 20, 2003, and TIHAN will again have the large center skybox for friends to watch the game (and the crowd) in coolness and comfort.

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Price includes admission to the game, seating in a luxury air-conditioned sky box, hamburgers/hotdogs and all the fixings, and a cash bar. (There will also be a 50/50 drawing that you can chose to participate in.) For tickets, call TIHAN, (520) 299-6647 or Dave Locke at 326-1952, or come to Tucson Electric Park and look for the TIHAN sign outside the stadium at the skybox entrance. ...

TIHAN is recruiting volunteer speakers to educate and inform the area communities of faith about prevention and social issues that surround people living with HIV/AIDS. Speakers would provide educational talks without prejudice or proselytism as well as their own personal stories to receptive congregations, Sunday school classes, classrooms in religious schools, and other faith-based organizations.

Prior public speaking experience is helpful but not necessary. TIHAN will provide training and support to those with a

story to tell and a desire to make a difference. If you would like to learn more about how you can help or schedule a presentation for your congregation or religious school, please contact the TIHAN office, (520) 299-6647 or e-mail info@tihan.org.

Lawsuit Challenges Arizona's Ban On Gay Marriage

PHOENIX - Two Gay men have gone to court to get a marriage license despite Arizona laws banning Gay marriage.

Harold Donald Standhardt, 34, and Tod Alan Keltner, 37, filed a special-action lawsuit in the Arizona court of appeals against the state and the clerk of Maricopa County superior court.

The lawsuit asks that the court of appeals overturn two state laws that limit marriages to those between a man and a woman and also order the court clerk to grant them a marriage license. Standhardt and Keltner were denied a marriage license when they applied for one, according to the lawsuit. Standhardt and Keltner "have been in [a] committed relationship for over six years and have lived together and resided in Maricopa County for over five years," their lawsuit states. "They, like their heterosexual counterparts, wish to marry." The lawsuit claims the ban on Gay marriages, enacted in 1996, violates various state and federal constitutional protections, including the Arizona constitution's right to privacy. "We have the same basic rights as any other couple," said Standhardt, the coowner of a travel agency with Keltner.

The lawsuit, filed on July 7, was

IN MEMORIAM



Richard L. Holmes
December 31, 1934 - July 8, 2003

Richard L. Holmes, long-time Wingspan volunteer and past secretary of PFLAG Tucson, passed away July 8, 2003 at the age of 68 in Tucson after a several-month-long struggle with cancer.

Richard was born on December 31, 1934 in Springfield, Massachusetts to Richard Edwin Holmes and Dorothy Luton Holmes. His family moved often because of World War II and his father's work requirements, and he attended 16 different schools before graduating from high school. At age 19 he began alternative service with the American Friends Service Committee in Mexico and El Salvador, which endeared Latin American people to him for the rest of his life. He spoke Spanish as a first language and was often mistaken for a native speaker.

Following a year's service with the Peace Corp in 1962-1963 he came to the University of Arizona where he obtained a B.A. in Geography. He was hired by the Laboratory of Tree Ring Research as a student helper and remained associated with the Laboratory for the rest of his life, first doing extensive field work and later becoming the Laboratory's programming specialist, making major contributions to the Dendrochronology Program Library, a package of data-processing programs that remains the standard in the field today.

Richard became a strong supporter of Gay rights in Tucson in his later years and contributed considerable time as a volunteer at Wingspan, Tucson's Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgendered community center, helping organize the center's library.

Richard is survived by his partner, Norman Meader, of Tucson and two brothers, Robert of Tucson and Donald of Eagan, Minnesota. His life will be celebrated Sunday, July 20 at 2:00 p.m. at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 545 S. 5th Avenue, in Tucson. In lieu of flowers donations can be made to the Arizona American Friends Service Committee, PFLAG Tucson, or Wingspan.

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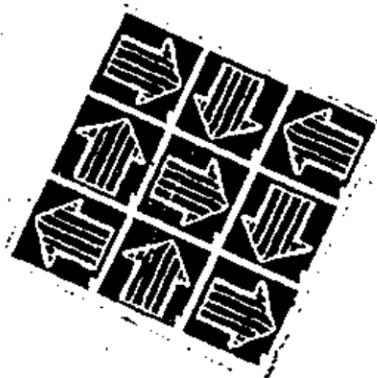
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ladies in the front of the crowd, waving banners and looking like they just ran into their favorite rock star.

Amy is not just a bandwagon candidate fan, though. She can name all of the Democratic candidates currently running, as well as all of the platforms Governor Dean is supporting.

With a half-hour before starting time, Pima County Deputy County Attorney Mary Judge Ryan made an announcement, telling the crowd- now numbering almost 750- that the far wall was going to be removed so that more can fit into the ballroom, making the vantage point a liability. A little later she thanked the crowd for their patience.

Tucson was one stop on a multi-city tour planned by the Dean camp. They started the day up in Flagstaff, flying down to Tucson for a midday rally, then attending a dinner in Phoenix that evening. The 5 time elected head of Vermont has been in Arizona more than any other candidate has so far. That is a bigger feat when you realize that he had not entered his name into the race until only two months ago. His platforms, views and criticism of President Bush have drawn people from practically every facet of the voting population.

As the crowd quickly grew, there was a group on the far side holding signs, and using my camera lens for a better view and noticed the text a group from our very own GLBT community. The signs read "Thank You Gov. Dean" with the dual male and dual female symbols underneath, with

their ages ranging from 24 to 45 and had no difficulty telling why they were there.

"Governor Dean is the only candidate who is listening to us", said one of the sign holders. While Governor Dean passed the initiative for the law to include same sex unions. He has also passed an equal for all statute, which assured discrimination and crimes based on orientation were considered just as severe as those of gender and race were.

"In a debate, there is no contest", said another in the group. "Dean is the only one taking on (President) Bush and all his horrible policies," she proclaimed with pride and fervor.

With start time now 5 minutes past, Ryan returned to the podium for an update. "The Governor is en route, and should be

here shortly." The crowd broke into applause that grew louder with Ryan's next announcement. They needed to take down yet another divider wall to accommodate the growing audience, to almost 2000 people, awaiting the start of what they knew was going to be a short event.

There was another group of GLBT participants, group was a tad older than the last encountered. There was a business owner, several white-collar workers and one food service employee. They, like so many of the crowd on hand, learned about Governor Dean from the Internet. "We read that (Governor) Dean raised a bunch of money from his website, which got us to read about him," said the business owner. Upon the Governor announcing his candidacy, the web site launched its own campaign flurry, and raised over 9 million dollars for the campaign. The average

donation amount was just 67 dollars, making his the most productive campaign in this election.

Ryan took to the podium once again, this time with the word everyone was waiting to hear. She presented on the podium with her, Tom Volgy, who is running for Mayor on the Democratic ticket. He said a few words then it was time for Governor Dean to make his entrance. The crowd now had a real reason to cheer and shout, and they wasted no time in letting out that energy. A standing ovation greeted Governor Dean as he took the short walk from a side door to the podium to speak to the 2000 people who came to see him.

Many in the audience were excited to see the Governor in person. Some smiled as they got a look at him through all the heads of the crowd. Both young and old alike seemed to be gratified just by Governor Dean's appearance. They wore buttons and some had signs, showing support for the man they hope will bring to them a condition they believe this country should be in. Dean is a former surgeon, and his most familiar slogan uses that to his advantage. "The doctor is in," say many of the signs being held, and those holding the signs believe that wholeheartedly. Those who came without an opinion, or did not know enough about the Governor to support him that strongly yet, were slowly convinced by the words that Dean had for them.

Governor Dean thanked the crowd first and foremost. He is obviously not used to our dry heat, but made light of the fact

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POLITICS 2003
by Mark R. Kelly

'Starting From An Address in Weho....'

Tuesday, July 15, 2003, is another date to mark in the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender (GLBT) calendar of political events, when the Human Rights Campaign (HRC), the national GLBT rights organization hosted a presidential forum, "Speaking of Equality", in Washington D.C., where seven of the nine announced candidates (Senator John Edwards, of North Carolina and Senator Bob Graham of Florida were not in attendance) for the 2004 Democratic presidential nomination participated.

Senator John Kerry of Massachusetts, Congressman Richard Gephardt of Missouri and former Vermont Governor, Howard Dean endorsed civil unions with the same benefits afforded heterosexual couples but not "same-sex marriage." When pressed by Donaldson, the three gave political pragmatic responses about making accomplishments now and citing society's perception of the word "marriage" and religious reasons.

"This marks the first time in our nation's history that a group of White House contenders has come together to speak specifically to Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender Americans," said Elizabeth Birch, HRC's executive director, during the live webcast. "Our issues are American issues. Clearly, this is a symbol of how very far we've come, but it's also a reminder of how far we - as a nation - have to go."

Former Senator Carol Moseley-Braun of Illinois said she supports the concept but would leave it up to the states. Connecticut Senator Joseph Lieberman stated his support for Civil Unions but the crowd booed when he added that "marriage is a right reserved in America for men and women." Adding, "Marriage has a special place in our culture, society and history."

It was 11 years ago, 1992, when then Democratic presidential candidate Bill Clinton addressed a gathering of GLBT activists in West Hollywood, California, marking the first time any party presidential nominee had openly courted GLBT voters anywhere in the country.

All seven candidates denounced the proposed Republican constitutional amendment banning recognition of same-sex marriages.

On the subject of Gays and Lesbians serving openly in the armed forces, unanimity prevailed, with all stating their support of repealing "Don't Ask, Don't Tell."

"Speaking of Equality" was moderated by Sam Donaldson of ABC News, each of the candidates had a two minute opening statement, followed by five minutes of questioning on GLBT issues safely, by Donaldson, known for grilling elected officials and ending with a three minute closing statement, and the order of the candidates was based on their date they accepted to participate in this forum.

So who was the "winner" of this historic event? Birch summed it all up best with her closing remarks, "It doesn't matter who you support but support someone and vote." Despite some of their positions, which this column will go into shortly, they are seeking our vote, unlike the Republicans, for which Senator John Kerry said during his closing remarks, "the current President should be talking to all Americans."

Government recognition of committed, same-sex relationships, and Gays and Lesbians serving openly in the military were the primary topics covered during the short question period but even with very little time, Donaldson did his job, not letting any of the candidates off the hook after their responses, a mixture of heartfelt though to political pandering.

"If a man does not keep pace with his companions, perhaps it is because he hears a different drummer. Let him step to the music which he hears, however measured or far away."
- Henry David Thoreau

Dennis Kucinich, the Member of the U.S. House of Representatives from Ohio, and the Reverend Al Sharpton stated they support legalizing same-sex marriage.

As I See It by Clark



I WOULD RATHER HAVE A PRESIDENT WHO LIED ABOUT HIS DICK



THAN A PRESIDENT WHO IS A DICK ABOUT HIS LIES

NOTES FROM THE FOR-REAL SIDE

by Lee Thom

Getting One Right

Just when you've concluded that the Supreme Court of the United States has lost its collective mind, the boys and girls in black turn around and do something startlingly intelligent. Go figure.

A few months back the Court made a ruling whose effect was to say that sending a man to jail for 20 years for stealing a piece of pizza was not cruel and unusual punishment. The dissent said something like, "If this isn't cruel and unusual, nothing is." The Court, perhaps unintentionally, killed an important and cherished part of our Constitution. It also killed any lingering hope I still had that it would ever get anything right.

And then, lo and behold, the black robed crowd comes out with the magnificently pro-Gay decision striking down laws against Gay sex acts. The bold move, unbelievable from this Court, has catapulted the justices right into the middle of the last century! And the decision has implications that are even more widespread and more disturbing for the likes of Justice Scalia than he's yet been able to comprehend.

But before going into those implications, it might be well to say a word about the difference between what the Court rules and what the impact of a ruling is. The Court rules on very narrow issues of law as they apply to a specific factual situation. It casts its rulings in esoteric language that often mystifies even legal scholars. But what the Court does — who goes free, who pays a fine, etc. — and the tone of its language affects the way that governments of all levels and all branches think about the law.

Justice Scalia said in his dissent that the pro-Gay ruling shows that the Court has adopted the "homosexual agenda" and that it has also taken morality out of the equation as a basis for law. The Court has done neither.

The "homosexual agenda," despite the sinister sound of the phrase, is simply a demand for equal rights. That would include Gay marriage and the Court is not yet ready to go there.

But the Court is doing something

more interesting with morality than simply removing it from the equation. It is effectively saying, "We're all for morality, but we don't happen to think that Gay sex is immoral." How can I dare to draw that inference? Simple: You can't go on and on about "the dignity of Gay people," as the Court does, and then come back and say, "but what these dignified people do is inherently immoral."

Thus, while everybody is heralding the case as a privacy victory, it can also be seen as a victory for the moral enlightenment of the Court.

Scalia goes on to argue that, since the Court is taking morality out of the law, incest, bigamy and prostitution laws will fall next. But the Court isn't taking morality out of the law; it's simply saying that Justice Scalia's religious beliefs do not define morality for people who don't share those beliefs. Hence, if Justice Scalia belonged to a church that held shaving one's face to be immoral, he could not make a law against shaving for those who didn't belong to that church.

Where does that leave incest, bigamy and prostitution? It's going to be increasingly difficult, given the direction implied by this landmark ruling, to say that these activities are immoral and should therefore be illegal because of someone's religious opinions. But that doesn't mean that they can't be found to be immoral and therefore be made illegal on non-religious grounds.

Feminists have been arguing for years that incest, bigamy and prostitution are immoral because they tend to exploit women and children, even when Biblical authority is given for bigamy. (A nice twist for Scalia to contemplate, a moral argument against a religious one.) And some of the feminists have done studies to document their claims of exploitation, have attempted to ground their moral objections in objective reality.

In this landmark decision, without intending to the Court has gone a long way towards establishing a distinction between democracy and theocracy. Future arguments about morality in the law are going to have less to do with Scalia's religious opinions and more to do with whether there are actual harmful consequences of purportedly immoral behavior on people's lives.

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

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that so many people came to see him on such a hot day. He stood there with his sleeves rolled up and a look of satisfaction for the turnout which blew away the expectations. The Governor has taken a lot of negative press for his speaking style, but the population in that ballroom saw no flaw in the manner of his points regarding his platform.

Though pre-written, his speech seemed to be coming straight from the hip. He covered the basic starting points of his platform for what he believes will be how this country can return to a previous status both locally and abroad. "The country can not return to its global status without fiscal responsibility and strong foreign policy," Dean stated about half way through his speech. He touched points such as child health care, an issue he has resolved in Vermont, and the tax cuts presently on every-one's lips.

Dean offered a challenge that could help show his view more clearly. "Do you want tax cuts, or every child under 18 covered for health care." He challenged his Democratic opponents to not be like the President currently in office. "To beat George Bush, you do not have to be like George Bush," he said as the audience broke in a sea of applause and cheers. Dean closed his speech by telling the voters of Pima County that they were the ones who helped Janet Napolitano reach her goal as Governor of our state. He challenged us to do the same with the upcoming Democratic Primary.

Briefly, two questions on GLBT issues were posed to Dean by this reporter.

Q: There was a visible percent of the Gay and Lesbian community here. Why do you think that they are all migrating in your direction?

A: Because I stood up, promoted, signed and passed a bill in Vermont that gave Gay and Lesbian people the same rights as everybody else. I'll tell you a story about that. I was giving a speech in Washington one time, and I got off the state, and a guy came up and said, "Governor, I'm 80 years old and I want to thank you." I was taken aback. I said, "Thank you. Do you have a son or daughter who is Gay or Lesbian?" He said, "No, Governor. I'm a veteran, I served on the beach in Normandy, a lot of my friends were killed, and I'm Gay." It seems to me that somebody who served his country and did all the things the way that the Republicans who didn't serve - talked about it, but never did - that this guy deserves the same rights as everybody else in the United States of America. Vermont is probably the only state in the country where you have the same rights for everybody, including Gay and Lesbian people.

Q: What about "Don't Ask, Don't Tell?"

A: I don't believe in "Don't Ask, Don't Tell." There will be Gay people in the military as long as there's a military and as long as there are human beings. I don't think you know a military person in the military today who doesn't know somebody who's Gay. So it seems to me we ought to allow people to serve proudly as who they are. All the NATO countries - with one exception - have Gay people in their

military. In fact, the United States has Gay people in the military. We just try to pretend they're not there. I'll give you an example of how this affects national security. This is appalling. We have a shortage of Arabic translators. And some of the Arabic documents we've gotten have not been translated in a timely way because we have a shortage. The President fired six Arabic translators because they were Gay. That endangered United States security. I would take advantage of the talents and abilities of every single American willing to serve their country proudly.

The assignment was simple enough. Take a few pictures, see what the buzz is all about regarding Governor Dean, and tell the story. The story is a simple one: Grass roots politics are alive and well. From what was heard and viewed, Pima County could very much make a major difference in the coming presidential election. And Howard Dean is making a stand as a candidate of a different breed. He is definitely loved by his followers, but he is also causing long time political figures to step up to their own agendas. If they can not supply what the people truly need, they are surely going to hear about it come election time. Just like the doctors we visit, he is here to help cure us, but also to warn of what might bring back the disease as well.

The next presidential election is still 16 months away, but the buzz over the candidates has already started. In February, Arizona puts its face on the electoral map by holding a Democratic primary. To take part in this primary, you must be a registered Democrat in Arizona. With our

state being so involved in choosing the candidate most likely to take on George Bush in 2004, Arizona has become a stop on most candidates campaign trail, and Governor Dean is taking full advantage of it.

Lawsuit Challenges Arizona's Ban On Gay Marriage

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publicized Monday by the Center for Arizona Policy, a Scottsdale-based group that lobbies on behalf of social conservatives. Center president Len Munsil, who said he drafted the 1996 law enacted by the legislature to ban Gay marriages, said the group would attempt to intervene in the case to defend the ban. "Marriage is not an institution created by American law. It has multiple thousands of years of being a relationship between a man and a woman," Munsil said. "We're looking at discarding that in one generation."

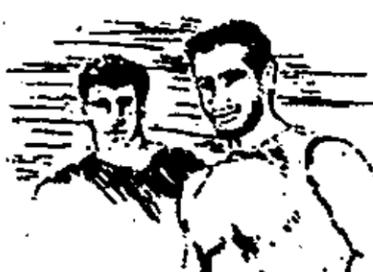
The lawsuit cited several court rulings at the federal and state level, including a June 26 ruling in which the U.S. Supreme Court decided that a Texas law banning Gay sex was an unconstitutional violation of privacy. Arizona repealed its own ban on sodomy in 2001. The lawsuit also cited a 2002 decision by the Arizona supreme court, in a case involving state funding for abortions for low-income women, that the state could not enact laws that grant any citizen privileges while denying them to others. "Here, the only interest which could be advanced [in defense of the laws] is some moral notion that marriage belongs only to couples of the opposite sex," the lawsuit states.

The Arizona challenge comes as the nation awaits a Gay marriage ruling in a case filed by seven same-sex couples in Massachusetts who were denied marriage licenses and appealed their case to the state's highest court. Many individuals and organizations on both sides of the issue have predicted a pro-Gay-marriage decision in that case. Another Gay marriage challenge is currently working its way through the New Jersey courts. The Arizona suit also comes as the debate around Gay marriage heats up, both in light of the Supreme Court's sodomy ruling and in anticipation of next year's presidential campaign, during which the candidates are expected to be pressed to take a stand on the issue.

In an interview with Capitol Media Services for the Arizona Daily Star, Kent Burbank, executive director of Wingspan, said he fears this litigation could end up doing more harm than good.

"Many of us are concerned about the backlash," Burbank said. Beyond that, he said that if there is to be a test case for the constitutional rights of Gays and Lesbians to marry, then it should be carefully chosen so it has the best chance of a favorable ruling.

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Tucson's Bunny FuFu Wins Miss Gay Arizona-America Title



By Cindy D.

TUCSON - This year's Miss Gay Arizona Pageant was held at the Holiday Inn on Palo Verde last Saturday, July 12, promoted and organized by David Dawson, who established the "Angela Dodd Talent Award" and paid tribute to Lucinda Holliday's 10-year anniversary of being crowned Miss Gay Arizona.

Before the 7:00 p.m. start, pre-judging was completed for the categories of evening gown, creative costume, and male interview. The panel of judges included Kenneth Blake, Patti Le Plae Safe, Dave Jeffers and Scott White. And this year, on-stage questions were drafted by former crown holders.

This year's pageant featured six contestants: Bunny Fufu (Miss Gay Copper City), Celebrity Starr (1st Alternate Miss Gay Copper City), Sache' (Miss Gay Phoenix), Divinity (1st Alternate Miss Gay Phoenix), Veronica Halliwell (Miss Gay Tucson), and Samantha White (1st Alternate Miss Gay Tucson).

The evening was hosted by Lucinda Hollida (Miss Gay Arizona 1994) and Angela Dodd (Miss Gay Arizona

2002). Along with the hostesses, the small crowd was entertained by a variety of former crown holders (Ferri Aki, Kenneth Blake, Barbra Seville, Patti Le Plae Safe) as well as the current Miss Gay America (Dominique Sanchez) and the current Miss Gay Arizona (Chane' Jordan).

After judging the contestants on a talent number and an on-stage question, there was a tie between Veronica Halliwell and Celebrity Starr. The tie was broken by an additional on-stage question. The suspense lasted until after 11:00 p.m., when the winners were announced. Bunny Fufu was crowned Miss Gay Arizona and also received the first annual Angela Dodd Talent Award. Veronica Halliwell was named 1st Alternate Miss Gay Arizona and also received the Congeniality award.





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SEPTEMBER 24 - OCTOBER 23
 If you have been feeling a bit sore from studying at the school of hard knocks, Venus in Cancer will give you a prolonged coffee break with a dollop of heavy cream. Gay Libras may find that the stresses and strains of the corporate arena are a little easier to take. Give credit to Mercury in Leo which provides friends in high places. Or maybe they are just high friends....?

ARIES
MARCH 21 - APRIL 20
 Gay Rams are sitting pretty in their salon and are ready to receive their adoring audiences. That is what you can expect as Venus dips into Cancer and Mercury into Leo this week. Try to be gracious as sweaty hordes gallop through your manicured gardens. Soon, oh too soon, the planets move on and you will have to content yourself with an occasional trot in the dirt.

TAURUS
APRIL 21 - MAY 21
 Your words are sugar coated when Venus moves into caring Cancer. Try a few particular bon mots out on family members as eloquent Mercury dips into Leo. Say what has to be said and say it one more time. Queer Bulls need to live for themselves and not for someone else's ideals and scriptures. You have nothing to lose but your "straight" jacket... and that fluorescent halter.

GEMINI
MAY 22 - JUNE 21
 Money is the root of all evil? Ha! Not when charming Venus spins her magic in Cancer. Gay Twins manage to find the balance in life and enjoy every last drop. And, when vocal Mercury edges into Leo, you find that your ideas have weight and power. Good. Don't just sit around and fan the air, comrade. Set a few ideas in motion and take them for a spin. Bring on the tornado!

CANCER
JUNE 22 - JULY 23
 Venus in your own sign makes you even more adorable and delightful than usual. You attract more admirers than you can shake your stick at. And, when flirty Mercury dips into Leo, pink Crabs conjure up all sorts of ways to make even their more grandiose dreams into a plausible reality. Such imagination! At least you can talk the talk even if you can't walk the walk.

LEO
JULY 24 - AUGUST 23
 Proud Lions have that je ne sais quois when Venus dips into Cancer and Mercury emanates from their own sign. It seems that you intuitively know where the gold is buried. Don't procrastinate; grab all opportunities while your thoughts are crystal clear and vision is 20/20. Soon, too soon, the missing link will become just another Neanderthal. But maybe that is your thing?

VIRGO
AUGUST 24 - SEPTEMBER 23
 Seek what is buried beneath the surface, queer Virgin. Mercury in your own sign expands your intuition and imagination. Spread the good karma from all angles. Perhaps you can be encouraged to dig for new treasures in old terrain with Venus in Cancer. Will you find a jewel of a romance among your trashy pals. That depends. Maybe you are into trash....

SCORPIO
OCTOBER 24 - NOVEMBER 22
 There is more to life than just the daily grind. Although thoughts of the job revolve round and round in your head thanks to Mercury in Leo, do not take any action on them this week while Venus plays in Cancer. Escape from it all and enjoy life a bit proud Scorp. Sometimes we can solve the problems of the world with a little body oil and a ticket to Palm Springs.

SAGITTARIUS
NOVEMBER 23 - DECEMBER 22
 Gay Archers are hot to trot as sexy Venus probes Cancer. What a change of pace! Your presence is demanded at every orgy in town while Mercury in Leo expands your appeal to global proportions. But remember that pacing is everything compadre; Conserve your energy so you can stir the pot as often as you like. Who knows, you may just lick the bowl.

CAPRICORN
DECEMBER 23 - JANUARY 20
 Sitting home alone on a Saturday night? Stow the popcorn and fuzzy slippers; it's time to get Out and about when Mercury edges into Leo and Venus into Cancer. A great relationship will find you if you make yourself available. For those pink Caps who already are part of a pair, this planetary burst will pop your cork. 'Bout time lover. Is there still some foam in that bottle??

AQUARIUS
JANUARY 21 - FEBRUARY 19
 Aquerians may have their minds in the clouds but their feet are planted firmly on the ground. Set things into action especially when lovely Venus casts its spell in Leo. You can do no wrong, especially on the job. Mercury in Cancer has you daydreaming of all the possibilities for a certain relationship. Who knows what can happen when you push your pencil towards you-know-who.

PISCES
FEBRUARY 20 - MARCH 20
 Sexy Venus in sensitive Cancer has all Guppies swallowing the bait for any wilde romance. The good times roll and so do you. But is that all there is to life as you pick yourself up off the floor time and time again? Better heed the call of Mercury in confident Leo which has you concentrating on exercise and diet. They say that you are what you eat, cousin. Amen!

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Drug Resistant Gonorrhea Spreads In U.S.

SAN FRANCISCO - Drug-resistant gonorrhea is popping up from coast to coast, forcing some doctors to abandon their preferred treatment, Cipro, reported the Gay.com/PlanetOut.com network.

In most cases, gonorrhea is three things: minor, annoying and easy to treat. But this very common sexually transmitted disease is threatening to send patients back in time.

Drug-resistant gonorrhea is popping up from coast to coast, forcing some doctors to abandon their preferred treatment - Cipro pills - in favor of old-fashioned injections of another medication.

So far, only a few states are reporting outbreaks of drug-resistant gonorrhea strains, and the alternative drug continues to easily kill off the infections. But experts warn that further spread of the strains could spell trouble for the workload at STD clinics.

"It slows things down a bit to have the personnel required to administer (injections). In a busy clinic, it would limit the number of patients who could be seen in a day," said Dr. David H. Martin, director of the Louisiana STD Research Center and chief of the infectious diseases division at the Louisiana State University Medical Center.

This month, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (news - web sites) reported that the resistant strains have appeared in California, New York City, Washington state, Massachusetts, Michigan and Indiana.

Gonorrhea - also known as "the clap" or, more evocatively, "the drip" - strikes an estimated 650,000 Americans each year. Large numbers of Gay men get gonorrhea, although the rate tends to go up

and down, said Dr. Michael Horberg, a Kaiser Permanente physician in Santa Clara, Calif., who frequently treats patients with STDs.

In men, gonorrhea causes a burning sensation and discharge ("drip") from the penis. Gonorrhea can also strike the rectum (from anal sex) and the throat (from blow jobs).

Although symptoms in women can be mild, or even unnoticeable, gonorrhea can lead to serious side effects, such as pelvic inflammatory disease. In both sexes, untreated gonorrhea can spread to joints and the blood.

Penicillin was the most common treatment for gonorrhea until the 1970s and 1980s, when the disease began to become immune to the antibiotic. In the late 1980s, doctors started prescribing Cipro and its sister medications, along with a drug known by the brand name Suprax, which is no longer manufactured.

Cipro is the same potent antibiotic that became famous as a treatment for anthrax. But in 2000, doctors reported that Cipro-resistant strains of gonorrhea had appeared in Asia, Hawaii and the Pacific islands. Since Cipro no longer worked, doctors had to find alternatives.

Strains of Cipro-resistant gonorrhea later spread to the United States, starting in California. Health officials have advised doctors in California, Hawaii, Massachusetts and some parts of Michigan to stop routinely prescribing Cipro to gonorrhea patients. Instead of Cipro, doctors are turning to an injection drug known as ceftriaxone.

"The beauty of the other treatment was that you just needed one or two pills of Cipro and it's gone," Horberg said. "Now we're back to using medicine that requires a shot."

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by Joy L. Childress A Commentary From Cornerstone Fellowship

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intense as they were, and I feel now that I will be able to adjust to life without her, and I am starting to have hope and look to a fulfilling future. I could not have come through all of this if it hadn't been for my Lord.

He will cover you with His feathers, and under His wings you will find refuge; His faithfulness will be your shield and rampart. Psalm 91:4

For He will command His angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways; they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone. Psalm 91:11,12

He will call upon Me, and I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble, I will deliver him and honor him. With long life will I satisfy him and show him My salvation. - Psalm 91:15,16



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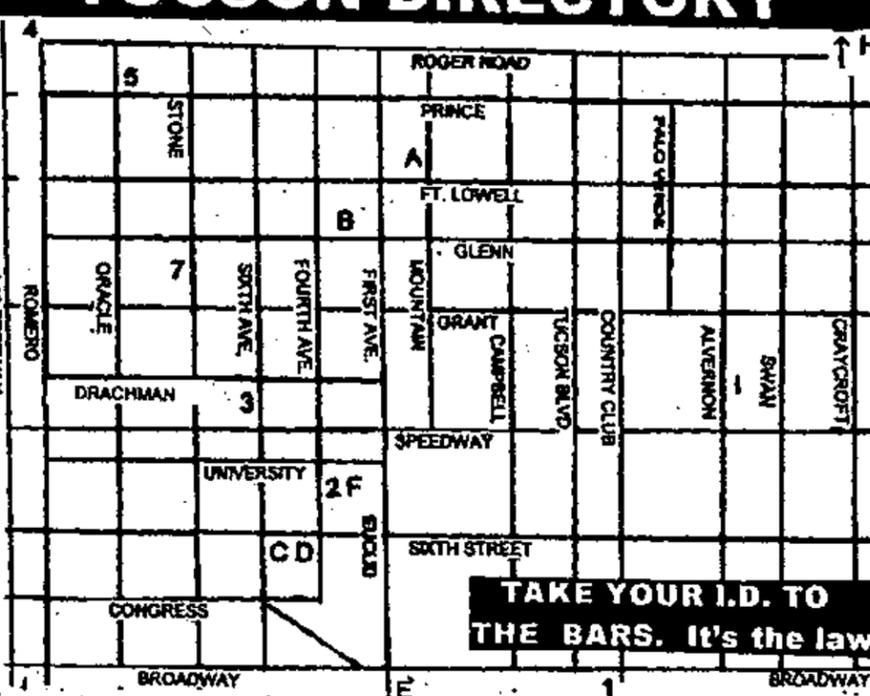


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Dear Dr. X,
 I am horny and seem to jack off several times a day and find myself searching the Internet with one hand in my pants. Am I sick for trying to satisfy "my need" over the Internet? I am married and do not want to actually have sex with another man for fear my husband would find out and dump me. I have a job that I do from home, so I sometimes spend hours on the Internet. How normal is this?

Horny.com

Dear Horny.com,
 Through the Internet, men from all over the world are able to share their sexual passions with each other in ways that were never dreamed of just a few years ago. When you log on to get off, it is actually not a solo activity. Thousands upon thousands of men like you are looking at the same pictures in one giant virtual orgy. There's clearly nothing "sick" about looking at hot pictures and pleasuring yourself. Nor is there anything wrong with a married man looking at pics of other guys. The fact of the matter is that all young men grow up handling their own c**ks and getting turned on by their own bodies, so it's no wonder that the sight of a naked man is sometimes a turn-on. And when you see another guy working his equipment, you know exactly how he feels because you're wired the same way. I know there are many reason for you to stay in your marriage and I admire the fact that you are not going to cheat on your

man. The Internet seems to be a good sexual release outlet for you.

[Dr. X needs your questions. Please send all your queries to 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.]

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Dear Friends,

I want to take this opportunity to thank Mr. Kevin Johnson and Arizona Onstage Productions for bringing the show "Falsettoland" to Tucson, and for making opening night such a gala benefit to support the work of the Tucson Interfaith HIV/AIDS Network (TIHAN).

With the backing of many generous sponsoring individuals and businesses (including The Observer), Kevin and his amazing cast and crew did an incredible job of producing this heart-felt musical. Our sold-out crowd on opening night was treated to a powerful story, wonderful music and song, great performances, lots of hilarity, some intense emotions, and a fabulous champagne and dessert reception.

The opening night benefit raised over \$1,500 for TIHAN, and we are exceedingly grateful. Thank you Kevin and everyone at Arizona Onstage Productions for making this possible. To everyone who missed the show, I would highly encourage you to be sure to get your tickets early when it returns this fall for another run!

With gratitude,
 Scott Blades
 Executive Director
 Tucson Interfaith
 HIV/AIDS Network

EDITOR:

A few weeks back, I wrote a letter to you thanking the Gay community for their patronage of November Bar N Grill. I forgot to thank someone who has really been helpful to me since I have known him. I was sitting in my bar waiting for customers and here comes a man with gray hair who wants to eat. I cooked and he ate.

We started talking and I admired him for his generosity, sharing thoughts on what I could do best for my place, considering the fact that I am one of his competitors.

It is rare to find a guy like Ray Greg, the owner of the Yard Dog. I like the Yard Dog - it has such a friendly atmosphere and cozy. I like to hang out there for a change of scene. I always sit in the corner booth where I can put my feet up. Now-a-days it is hard to find a bar that you will feel so safe and comfy.

Best wishes to Ray and everyone of my friends.

BeBe,
 November Bar N Grill

P.S. Good luck to Diana in her new job at the Casino Del Sol and thanks also to Jerry D. for writing good stuff about us.

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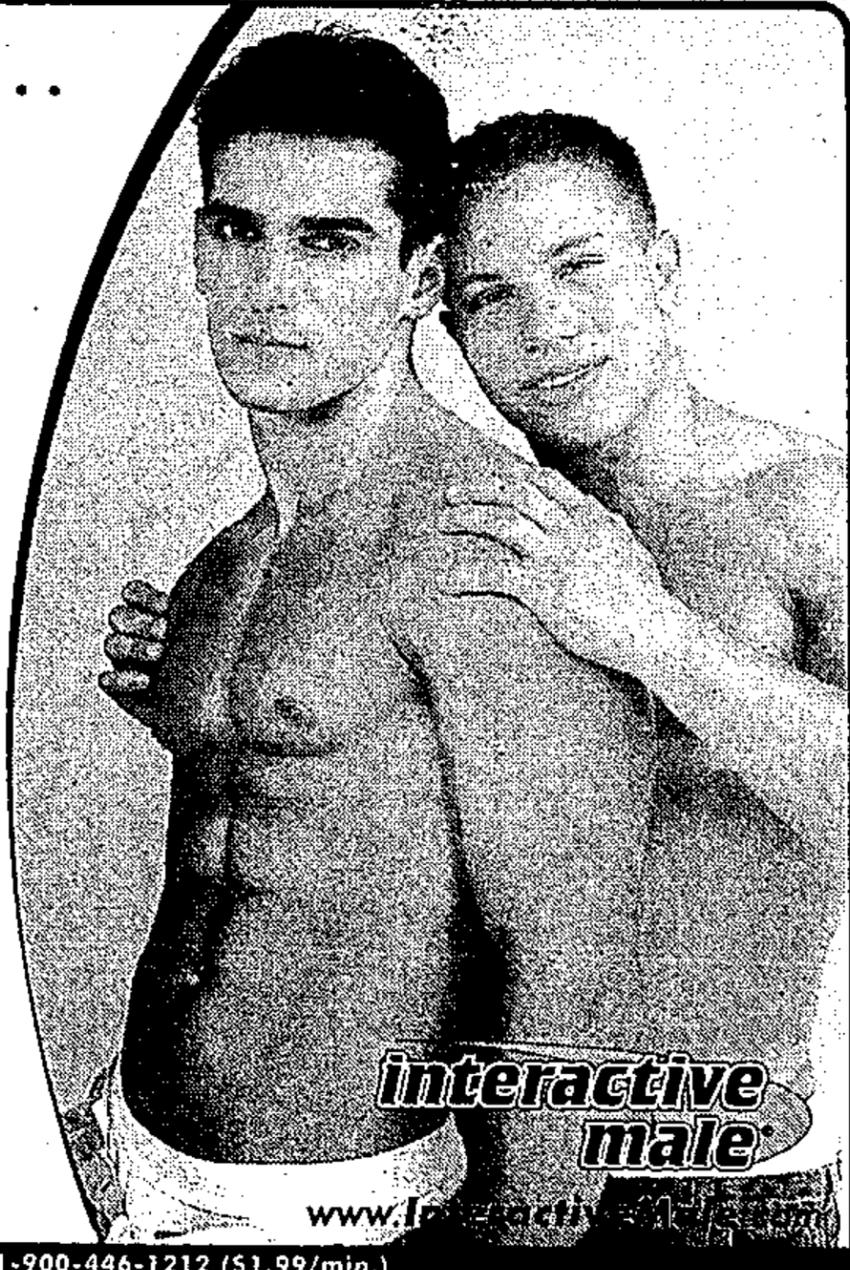
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NON-BAR CALENDAR

GROUPS / CLUBS / ORGANIZATIONS

WEDNESDAY, JULY 16

Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. Join Karol for Canasta. 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

FRIDAY, JULY 18

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

SATURDAY, JULY 19

#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. Karol 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 Karol at 744-90174.

Tucson Prime Timers - Lunch/Business Meeting - Noon - Home Town Buffet, 5101 N. Oracle Rd.

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

SUNDAY, JULY 20

Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 10:00 a.m. Join Karol for a morning of miniature golf. For reservations and directions, please call Karol at 744-9017.

MONDAY, JULY 21

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 591-2828.

Tucson Prime Timers - Lunch - 12:30 p.m. The Wildcat House, 1800 N. Stone Ave.

TUESDAY, JULY 22

#1. 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.

#2. Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. Join Peter for Bridge Night. If you don't know how to play, the guys are willing to teach you. For directions and reservations, please call Peter at 615-8974.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 23

Tucson Prime Timers - Breakfast - 9:00 a.m. The Egg Connection, SE corner on Ft. Lowell & County Club

Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. Join Marv for Canasta. If you don't know how to play, we'll be glad to teach you. For reservations and directions, please call Marv at 745-0304.

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

THURSDAY, JULY 24

#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 Bill at 546-7539.

#2. Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:30 p.m. Bill shows "Europa, Europa", the incredible, true story of a young German Jewish boy who eludes the Nazis and Russians. For reservations and directions, please call Bill at 546-7539.

7:00 TO 10:00 p.m. The Men's Relationship Group meets includes a video on tantra. A great way to meet new men and make friends. Fee. Call Marc 881-4592.

SATURDAY, JULY 26

Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. Marv hosts 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.

SUNDAY, JULY 27

3-6 p.m. Tantra Workshop. A better approach to sex. Discover a safe/enjoyable sex approach for fun and relationships. Call Marc 881-4592.

MONDAY, JULY 28

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 - 12:30 p.m., The Wildcat House, 1800 N. Stone Ave.

Bar Calendar

Of Upcoming Events

WEDNESDAY, JULY 16

IBTS - 9:00 p.m. The "DivaLicious" Show hosted by Lucinda Holliday and starring Mr. Kenneth Blake, Samantha White and Bunny FuFu.

THURSDAY, JULY 18

VENTURE-N - "The Boss Is Gone!" Party here. Come on down from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. for snacks and drink specials from 6:00 p.m. to closing.

SATURDAY, JULY 19

WOODY'S - Bears of the Old Pueblo Beer Bust 3:00 to 7:00 p.m. \$1 for a 16 oz. Bud/ Bud Light or Miller Lite.

SUNDAY, JULY 20

IBTS - Party line-up includes Troy'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 weeks proceeds go to Reveille Gay Men's Chorus. 8:00 p.m. Sissy Bingo hosted by Aja Simone and Lucinda Holliday. Hilarious fun plus great prizes. 9:00 p.m. Sign up for Wet Shorts Contest. \$100 first place prize.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 23

IBTS - 9:00 p.m. The "DivaLicious" Show hosted by Lucinda Holliday and starring Bunny FuFu, Veronica Halliwell and Miss Saigon.

THURSDAY, JULY 24

VENTURE-N - Steak Night from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. \$5.00 your meal or theirs. They provide the side dishes.

THURSDAY, JULY 31

IBTS - 11th Anniversary Party. Mark your calendars.

TUESDAY, JULY 29

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.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 30

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 Terry at 577-2396.

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

SATURDAY, AUGUST 2

#1. Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:30 a.m. Join Jack for a morning of Volleyball. This is played for fun, and you'll get to know some nice guys as you play. For details and directions, please call Jack at 881-5733.

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

MONDAY, AUGUST 3

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

TUESDAY, AUGUST 4

#1. 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.

#2. Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. Join Carl for the Investment Club. For directions and reservations, please call Carl at 331-4238.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5

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.

Daily Bar Calendar

Sunday

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

IBT's - 10am-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 of Hi energy dancing w/DJ T.C. Wildman. 9-close. All drink specials not available during special events.

NOVEMBER BAR & GRILL - Bar opens at noon. 10 oz. Miller High Life draft 75¢ all day. From 12-6 Bloody Marys \$1.50. Drag Show (last Sunday of the month)

VENTURE-N - Open 10am. Pabo 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 Beach Volleyball games 5-7. \$2.50 sirloin burger w/salad 5-9pm. 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

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - Open 2pm. Happy Hour Two-For-One domestics and well 2-7pm. Free pool 8-10pm. 50¢ cups draft Bud & Bud Light 8pm to close.

IBT's - Open 11am. Happy Hours 11am-8pm, \$2 domestic beer and well. 4-9pm. UndieMondie-Happy Hour prices for those in their undies 9pm-close. Queer As Folk show beginning at 8pm. Hot Dancing follows with Johnny DJ. All drink specials not available during special events.

NOVEMBER BAR & GRILL - Open Noon. Happy Hour 4-7pm. \$1.75 Domestic Beer. Free Pool 8pm to close. \$1.50 Jellos & Mimosas 8pm to close.

VENTURE-N - Open 10am. Patio 5pm. Daily specials til 7pm. 4-8 \$2.25 Martinis

WOODY'S - Open Noon. \$2 well or domestic beer til 8pm. Karaoke w/Michael D. 9-11pm. YARD DOG - Open daily 6am. 50¢ off any Scotch until 7pm. Kennel open 5pm.

Tuesday

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

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

NOVEMBER BAR & GRILL - Bar Opens noon. Happy Hour 4-7pm. \$1.75 domestic beers & \$2 all wells. Ladies Night 9-close \$1 Kamakazi, Jellos. 70s/80s music

VENTURE-N - Open 10am. Patio 5pm. Daily specials til 7pm. Spaghetti Nite 6-8

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

YARD DOG - Open daily 6am. 50¢ off any Tequila until 7pm. Kennel open 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 8pm - close. \$1.25 pitchers of Bud/Bud Light or \$1 Tequila shots 8-11.

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

NOVEMBER BAR & GRILL - Open noon-1am Happy Hour 4-7pm, plus drink specials. Shrimp Fry Dinner 5-8pm \$5.99. Karaoke 8pm-close.

VENTURE-N - Open 10am. Pabo 5pm. Specials til 7pm.

WOODY'S - Open Noon. \$2 well or domestic beer til 8pm. Volleyball games start 7pm. Underwear-leather-leather nite w/Gary and Chris along with GMAHP. \$1 off any drink or bottled beer. (Excludes draft & schnapps) for all in leather or underwear.

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

Thursday

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

IBT's - Open 11am. Happy Hours 11am-8pm, \$2 domestic beer and well. 4-9. HI NRG video dancing with Johnny DJ 9-11. All drink specials not available during special events.

NOVEMBER BAR & GRILL - Open noon. Grill open noon-8pm. Happy Hour 4-7pm. 10oz Sirloin Steak w/potato & salad 5:30-6pm, \$6.99.

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

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

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

Friday

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

IBT's - Open 11am. Happy Hours 11am-8pm, \$2 domestic beer and well. Live Jazz on the patio with the Susan 6-9pm. Patio Bar 5-1pm. Dance Party with DJ T.C. Wildman 9 to 1. All drink specials not available during special events.

NOVEMBER BAR & GRILL - Open 10:30am-1am. Happy Hour 4-7pm. Fish or Shrimp Dinner \$5.99 11am-8pm. Country Western Dance with Libby 8pm-close.

VENTURE-N - Open 10am. Pabo 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

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

IBT's - 10am-5pm \$4 Martinis and Daquans. 10am-8pm \$2 domestic beer and well. Dance Party 9-11 w/DJ-Q. All drink specials not available during special events.

NOVEMBER BAR & GRILL - Open noon-1am. Grill open 1-7pm. Margaritas \$3 6pm-close. Latino Nite. Beer Bust (1st Saturday of the Month) Drag Show (last Saturday of month). Free SAAF HIV testing.

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

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

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

Informing The Community



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.

ANONYMOUS HIV COUNSELING AND TESTING is available through the Pima County Health Department at sites throughout Tucson. Very Gay Friendly. For more information or to make an appointment call 791-7876.

GRACE GROUP - CATHOLIC GAY/LESBIAN SUPPORT GROUP meets every 2nd and 4th Monday at 7:30 p.m. in the Madonna Hall at Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Church, 1436 N. Campbell across from University Hospital. For more info. Call Anabeli 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 838-3975.

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

OUTLOUD! Tucson's premiere Local Lesbian and Gay Radio Show, broadcast every Sunday from 7-8 pm on 91.3 FM, Community Radio KXCJ.

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. SAGAE@mail@aol.com http://members.aol.com/sagaemail

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.

AA Meeting with HIV/AIDS focus, Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m., Wingspan Annex, 739 N. 4th Ave. 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 690-9565 for information and a newsletter. Check the Non-Bar Calendar in the Observer.

CARE TEAMS ARE AVAILABLE to offer support to people living with HIV/AIDS. The Tucson Interfaith HIV/AIDS Network offers trained, compassionate and committed volunteers to provide services including friendly visits, light housekeeping, assistance with meals, shopping, errands, transportation and companionship for medical appointments, and respite care for primary care givers. No judgement or proselytizing - we are here to be of service. For information call Scott at 299-6647.

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

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

THE MEN'S MASSAGE GROUP meets the 3rd Sunday of each month. It is a good way to meet other men of all ages, safely, and with the art of nurturing touch. There is a fee. You must sign up in advance to participate. Call Marc at 681-4582 for more information or sign up.

COMMUNITY BUSINESS ASSOCIATION (CBA). Tucson's Gay and Lesbian business networking group holds regular meetings the third Thursday of every month. Call 615-6438 for more info.

TUCSON PRIDE, INC. (Formerly Tucson Lesbian and Gay Alliance - TLGA) meets on the second Tuesday at 845 S. Craycroft Road at 6pm. Tucson Pride events: Pride Week, Gay West and OuttoberFEST. 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.

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.

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

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DESERT DOMINION, whose focus is providing information and education for people interested in the BDSM lifestyle, meets monthly for group discussion and social events. Visit our web site http://www.desertdominion.org or call (520)792-6424

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

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

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

TUCSON CATHOLIC GAY & LESBIAN FAMILY MINISTRY. Currently meeting the 4th Monday of every month at SS Peter & Paul Church, Madonna Hall 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Fr. Fiedler in attendance every meeting and willing to speak one on one. Reaching out to Parents and Families. For more info call Doc or Barbara 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) 745-0775 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.

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 (506 North 4th Ave.) as a social outing. For more information call the church at 299-9063 and ask for a contact person.

HIKE & BIKE DYKES. Meets 2nd Monday at 7pm. Call 327-7239 for info.

GREATER PHOENIX GAY & LESBIAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE (GPGCC) P.O. BOX 2097, Phoenix, AZ 85001-2097. E-mail: webmaster@gpgcc.org or call (602)225-8444.

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

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

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

INNER WISDOM - Try hypnotherapy for pain relief, past life exploration and addiction release. Also available: Spiritual Counseling and Dream Interpretation. 579-9020

ABUSIVE RELATIONSHIPS: Confidential individual group support for Gay, Bisexual or Trans men who victims/survivors of domestic violence. For more information call 624-0348 (24-hour line)

REVEILLE 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.

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

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

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

NOTICES

HALLELUJAH RECOVERY DRUG & ALCOHOL 12-STEP. Every Thursday 5:30-8:30pm at Cornerstone Fellowship, 2902 N. Geronimo. 622-4828.

SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED DISEASE CLINIC provided daily by the Pima County Health Department. Gay friendly. Confidential. Treatment and Medication too! Any questions? Call 624-9272

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 575-8560 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 615-3491, 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 881-1794 - 8 am - 5 pm Mon. - Fri.

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.btop.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. Ellie 581-8550 or Ronn 988-2384.

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

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

T-SQUARES Lesbian and Gay square dance club meets every Tuesday from 8:30-9:00 p.m. at Cornerstone Fellowship Social Hall, 2902 N. Geronimo (near 1st Ave. and Laguna). Open to All. Call Liz at 325-9468 or Ray at 749-5247.

LIGHTNING LIGHTING will provide lighting for AIDS and related benefits at no charge. For more info call Adrienne at 889-7288.

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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. Want to join? E-mail: www.desertvoices.org or call 791-9682.

Join the LESBIAN & GAY PUBLIC AWARENESS PROJECT. In Tucson write Awareness Project, 3681 N. Campbell Ave. #385, Tucson, AZ 85719.

GLBT Buddhist meditation group meets Sundays from 9:30 - 11:00 a.m. at the Wingspan annex space, 739 N. 4th Ave. Please be willing to sit for two twenty minute sessions in silence. All are welcome.

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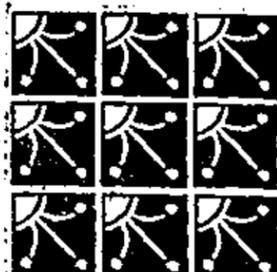
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