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We are proud that we have reached a milestone in publishing the Observer newspaper. One Thousand consecutive weeks of bringing the weekly Observer to our community. We are proud to be one of a select few weekly papers in the country. It has been a difficult task but we are proud that every Wednesday, the paper is delivered on time to our distributors. Only in a very rare case of printer problems has the paper been delivered late.

If one takes into consideration the beginning of a weekly newspaper in Tucson, one would have to go back to September 29, 1976. That's when we started the Tucson Gay News (TGN). Then the name change to the Arizona Gay News (AGN) in February of 1977. Then through a couple of short-lived partnerships, the Observer was born July 18, 1984. That would add another 400+ weeks making it a little over 27 years of continuous weekly publishing.

It is through the hard work of many people over that period of time who have diligently volunteered their services as contributing writers and other sundry chores. Gary Clark whose graphics among many other duties, during that entire period, is to be greatly commended. Mr. Mark Kerr, whose political column has appeared for over fifteen years is a phenomenal feat. Both of these men are true loyalists to a cause that we all deem imperative in informing our community. There are many others too numerous to mention here, but we are grateful to them all.

We could estimate the number of tons of newsprint we have used, the 35,000+ photographs that have been taken, the numerous computers that have taken their toll putting out the news, or the number of miles on the road delivering the finished product, etc., etc. But in the end it all adds up to a wonderful experience. We look forward to many more years too.

Of course the real reason we are still here is our advertisers who pay the printing bills and the other numerous costs of publishing a weekly newspaper. We would like to thank our oldest advertiser - El Torero Mexican Restaurant who began advertising in the TGN and have continued weekly since then. Congratulations gang.

But then, if we didn't have any readers, there would not be a need for a paper either. So we thank each and every one of you who are used to our schedule and pick up your weekly paper from the racks as soon as it is delivered. Thanks to the many who have saved the newspaper. We know many have.

Our history is as colorful as is the history of the Tucson/Arizona Gay community. We have been gathering facts and figures and to get down in black and white a history of Gay Tucson/Arizona. In this issue we present some of the early years. This only goes up to November 1977. We hope to finish this extraordinary project and will be updating it with the help of people who lived here and can add their remembrances to this history. In any event, Part One of this history appears in this issue begins below. Part two, three, etc will be forthcoming.

Thanks for your interest, loyalty and love. We appreciate it.

## Tucson - A Gay History

Tucson is a city rich in Lesbian and Gay history. We sometimes forget that we are connected to the past and to the future, and in our forgetfulness, we overlook a very rich history. It might do us each some good to take a look at that history. ....

The 1940s and 1950s, Tucson Gay and Lesbians gathered in dark bars, as was the case in most cities in America. In those early days, names like Terry Cohen, Tom Garmish, Ray Birmingham, and George Roderus were personalities that much of the community centered upon. It was a time of Sunday afternoon swim

parties and Sunday night diners at El Torero in South Tucson. Since there was no real Gay or Lesbian organizations, the only gathering places for the community was in bars or saloons or restaurants who were Gay friendly.

These very early impressions of 'Gay' Tucson were gleaned from the memories of those who lived through them. We acknowledge that there are many vacant spots and we need to attempt to fill them. There are many of these 'pioneers' who are still around, and we

## DP Registry Gets Final Mayor & Council Approval

TUCSON - Unmarried couples in Tucson now have some of the same rights married couples have, the Tucson Citizen reported.

The City Council, Monday, September 15, unanimously approved a domestic partner registry, which gives registered couples the right to visit partners in health-care facilities in the city and qualify for city discounts, such as family rates at recreational facilities.

Nancy Robinett is an attorney and co-chair of the city's Commission on Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender Issues. Her commission drafted the ordinance.

It is important for the city to recognize domestic partnerships and for the partners to have a means of recognition, she said.

"It both memorializes that Gay and Lesbian people are more visible and are more willing to stand up and be counted," she said. "It's part of an atmosphere of more attention to the realities of Gay and Lesbian life in Tucson."

The registry is for Gay and heterosexual couples.

Robinett said her commission does not see the registry as a steppingstone toward further rights.

"Our commission doesn't have an agenda to push for Gay marriages per se," she said.

Kent Burbank, executive director

of Tucson's GLBT support center Wingspan, praised the registry, which is the first of its kind in Arizona.

"I am proud of the City Council for helping to put Tucson again in the forefront in the state of Arizona," he said.

Burbank said the ordinance is also important for committed heterosexual couples.

"This is a chance also for their relationships to be recognized," he said.

The ordinance defines a domestic partnership as two people:

not related by blood closer than would bar marriage;

not already in a marriage or recognized domestic partnership;

18 or older;

competent to enter into a contract;

who declare they are each other's sole domestic partner;

who share a primary residence, are in a relationship of mutual support and declare that they intend to remain in such for the indefinite future.

To register, couples must fill out a form in the city Finance Department and pay \$50. If the partnership is terminated, the couple must file a termination statement with the city and pay \$10.

## Come Out For Turnabout For TIHAN

TUCSON - A special benefit will take place on Sunday, September 21 at the InnSuites Hotel and Resort (475 North Granada, located at St. Mary's and Granada) at 5:30 p.m.

Remember the days when polyester was the fabric of choice, platform shoes were all the rage, and John Travolta still had a 30-inch waist? Ah, the Disco Era! It was a time when the music was hot, the dance moves hotter, and the fashion trends were the hottest ever (probably due to the unnatural fibers they were made of). This year's "Turnabout for TIHAN" show will transport you back to those bygone days with its theme of "Studio 53 1/2, The Last Days Of Disco."

"Turnabout" is an annual comedy/entertainment show produced by volunteers in the Gay and Lesbian community to raise funds for HIV/AIDS

programs and services offered by TIHAN (the Tucson Interfaith HIV/AIDS Network), a not-for-profit, volunteer-based organization. The organization is a coalition of congregations and individuals from various backgrounds uniting for a common cause: providing HIV awareness and education programs to break down the fears and stigma attached to HIV/AIDS, and also to provide compassionate care to all of us infected and affected by HIV/AIDS.

The show features members of the GLBT community getting their friends and family to sponsor them to do a "turnabout" from male to female (or female to male). If their friends pledge enough money, participants dress up as the opposite gender and perform a musical number at the Turnabout show.

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# UPDATE

## Miss Gay Hispanidad September 20

TUCSON - The Eighth Annual Miss Gay Hispanidad Pageant will take place, Saturday, September 20, 7 to 11 p.m., Inn Suites Ballroom, 475 N. Granada.

This event helps bring the Tucson Latino GLBT community together, focusing on awareness and prevention of HIV/AIDS through outreach activities and educational trainings. Pageant contestants demonstrate talent in performing arts as well as knowledge and awareness of HIV/AIDS in their communities. Staff and volunteers are preparing to crown their new queen to help voice awareness and prevention among their peers.

The winner volunteers for the project and helps recruit members to serve as peer educators. Salud es Poder staff hope that community members gain knowledge to empower themselves to educate and promote awareness of HIV/AIDS. Dinner will be served from 7 to 8 p.m. with opening ceremonies to begin at 8:30 p.m.

For more information, call Salud Es Poder, (520) 628-7223.

## SAAF Needs Massage Therapists

TUCSON - The Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation (SAAF) needs massage therapists to volunteer at their Bodywork clinics for people with HIV/AIDS.

SAAF provides all the tables, linens, lotions and a professional office space to work in.

If you are a massage therapist or bodyworker and interested in providing therapeutic bodywork to individuals with HIV/AIDS or need more information about program please contact our clinic coordinator Curt Beall, (520) 877-9161

## Wingspan & AHRF Nights At The Dog Park

TUCSON - Please join other LGBT and ally dog owners and our furry friends as we meet on the fourth Tuesday (September, September 23, 6 to 8 p.m.) of each month at the Reid Park Dog Park in Tucson.

The lighted and fenced one-acre site features a large open area for dogs to run and play with each other. The area is partitioned for large and small dogs. Dogs must have current licenses and tags to attend. The Reid Park dog park is located just across from the Reid Park Zoo entrance (off 22nd Street between Alvernon and Country Club) on a converted Little League field. The purpose of this free monthly event is to provide a social venue for LGBT and ally folks to get together and meet one another--and for our dogs to have fun! A representative from Wingspan and a representative from AHRF will be on-site to provide information about each organization and our upcoming events (and maybe even some treats for your puppy!) - we will be wearing AHRF and Wingspan T-Shirts so we will be easy to spot (...Spot, get it?)

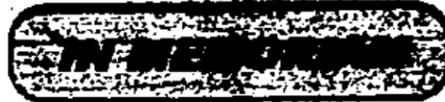
For more information, contact Cathy or Kristen, cathy@wingspanaz.org.

## Antigone Books Event September 26

TUCSON - Please join Antigone's, 411 N. Fourth Avenue, for an event Friday, September 26 at 7 p.m.

Join in for an evening of fabulous Gay literature with Trebor Healey and Felice Picano, co-sponsored by The Men's Social Network. Trebor Healey will read from his new novel, *Through It Came Bright Colors* (Southern Tier, \$19.95).

This compelling tale of crisis around a family illness is also a bittersweet



Bruce Elward  
July 2, 1929 - September 8, 2003

Bruce Elward passed away on Monday, September 8, 2003. Born in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, Bruce was a retired employee of Hormel Foods. He lived in Tucson for 20 years. Bruce is survived by his mother, Edna Mae Elward of Austin, Minnesota; 4 children, 10 grandchildren, and 4 great-grandchildren.

Friends of Bruce, aka "Popcorn Polly", are invited to the Venture-N this Saturday, September 20 at 1:00pm to join in a toast to his memory and to celebrate his life.

James Leo "Jimmy" Hughes  
January 13, 1955-August 17, 2003

Jimmy Hughes was born in Rawlings, Florida and lived in Chicago for 30 years where he was employed at the Art Institute of Chicago. He was a writer of stories and was a life-long activist of Gay rights. Jim's ashes were flown to Chicago where his family held a memorial tribute. His ashes will be released to the wind in October.

A celebration of Jimmy's life will be held at the Yard Dog Saloon, this Sunday, September 21 from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

story of love and the search for honesty. Healey's rich, lyrical prose provides a unique and intimate look at one Gay man's struggle to live openly, to love and to be loved free from shame and guilt.

Also reading that night is Felice Picano, the award winning author of 19 books. He will read from and discuss his newest work, which includes the memoirs *Ambidextrous* and *Men Who Loved Me*, and an expanded new edition of *The Joy of Gay Sex*. Picano was a founding member of the legendary Violet Quill Club, and co-founder of the Gay Presses of New York.

Refreshments will be served. The reading will be followed by a question and answer period. For more information, call (520) 792-3715.

## Tucson Pride Seeking Volunteers

TUCSON - Tucson Pride, Inc., Southern Arizona's pride event organizer, is looking for volunteers to help at this year's OUToberFEST, October 11, 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Reid Park in Tucson.

Admission to the event will be \$5.00, but a two-hour time commitment for volunteering will get you into the event for free, as long as you are in their volunteer database prior to the event. Additionally - Tucson Pride, Inc is continuing its tradition of "Volunteer for Dollars": Tucson Pride will make a cash donation of \$8.00 per hour to the charity of your choice for your volunteer hours worked. This is a great opportunity to designate the charity of your choice for dollars, as well as contribute to Tucson Pride's mission of promoting and producing Southern Arizona's largest GLBT annual festival.

Tucson Pride hopes to find a few "key volunteers" who are willing to be area managers, and make a four-hour time commitment for volunteering on the festival day. Please contact Tucson Pride volunteer coordinator Nancy Robinett, (520) 591-9345 or E-mail: nancy.robinett@azbar.org.



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There are 100 ways to have great sex with other men in Tucson. But there's 1 way that will get you arrested:

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# TUCSON - A GAY HISTORY CONTINUED FROM PAGE ONE

appeal to them to share these early memories of Gay life in Tucson. Please contact the Observer and share your memories.

**1940s**

First 'Gay' (mixed) bar open in Tucson: "Town House Bar" located in downtown area near Scott and Broadway.

**1950s OVERVIEW**

This period of history of the Tucson Gay Bar scene was interesting. One person reported that between '52 and '55 "The Town House continually increased in popularity until one fateful day when the owner received a 'friendly suggestion' from the police chief that 'due to increasing complaints' that the 'complexion of the clientele' be corrected. The following Saturday night many, but not all, Gays were refused service. The Tap Room in the Congress Hotel filled the gap for the Town House closing. It became "the focus and fulcrum of Gay Tucson." The infamous "Zebra Room" an after-hours bar across from the police station and the R&B Bar in the 'new' Greyhound Bus Station on Broadway were Gay hangouts for a while.

The Congress rebounded and was joined by the Club Esquire, another downtown bar that "drew 'em all" Although never a Gay bar, the Esquire had the reputation of drawing the "Air Force, Army, the Bloom Brothers, transients, alcoholics, missile workers, pool hustlers, bowling machine freaks, Gays, Bi's, hoards of horny straights - all gathered. With a super and simpatico owner, the Esquire

was a colossal cruise and maximum make-out bar.

**1958**

First Gay men's social club formed 'Gay Ladies of the Southwest', later changing its name to: 'Gay Ladies of the Arizona Desert' (GLAD).

**February 1960**

Then came the 'Little Brown Jug' 425 E. Grant (now Luna Radiator) where most of the action moved because it was out of the downtown area. It and the Congress was beer only. Originally a straight bar, the LBJ was purchased by Denis Smith and Chuck Kohnke, from Duluth, Minnesota. By June the LBJ was swinging. People came from Phoenix, Los Angeles, Chicago and New York. The 'closet' crowd had a place to go. The bar was never harassed or bothered by any state or city agency. There were notorious parties after closing.

Denis Smith made arrangements in the fall of 1960 to buy the Angelina's Bar which became "The Corner" bar (Now La Fuente, 1749 N. Oracle Road). As the LBJ waned as many moved to the Corner Bar. It was a full liquor bar and had a large back room and bar that at one time was a key club. The Congress got its full liquor license in 1962. The Little Brown Jug closed in March of 1963. Tom and Lea Gartley opened the "Black Door" in early 1964. Located in the MacArthur Hotel, it was 'straight' during the day but at night it changed to "GAY". Tom had been the night bartender for the Congress for several years. The Black Door was moderately successful and closed in early 1976.

One old timer reminisces: "Upon returning to my hometown from the service in April 1963, I found the Corner Bar was openly Gay. The Congress Tap Room was Gay-friendly. The Club Esquire, The Manhattan were rough trade and Gay friendly bars. The Ryan-Evans Drug Store on Congress Street had a 24-hour lunch counter and a great pick-up spot, as it was close to the train depot. The Corner Bar closed after the Labor Day Weekend in 1963."

**1965**

"Jim's", A Gay beer bar located at 23 W. University opens. Jim O'Malley and George Roderus were owners. (They also opened "Mr. Jim's" liquor bar in Phoenix in 1967. They sold the Tucson bar to Bruce Stratton in 1969. The business was renamed "Kamu's" and operated as a straight bar until it was sold to Don Nelson.

**1969**

George Roderus and Jim O'Malley open a new bar called "Sir James". It became very popular since it was 'outside' the city limits and in a 'rural' area, (4400 block of Oracle Rd)! "It's parking lot had such bad pot holes, so large that people had trouble finding their cars after leaving late at night!"

**January 19, 1970**

Formerly Kamu's, the "Graduate" opens as an openly Gay Bar at 23 West University. Named and owned by Don Nelson. It was a beer bar until November 1971. The Grad became Tucson's longest Gay bar operation until the bar closed June 6, 1999 under new owners)

**June 1970**

"Metropolitan Community Church" (MCC) holds its first service in Tucson at the Ramada Inn on St. Mary's Road.

**1972**

"Stonewall" bar opens at 2921 N. First Avenue, Tom Seward and John Morgan..

**Fall, 1973**

"The Nurturing Place" founded south of Tucson (Old Nogales Highway) for Feminist and Lesbian women. First time women have their own 'space'.

**Spring 1974**

Dale Yount purchases the Graduate Bar from Don Nelson.

**1975 OVERVIEW**

Gay bars in the area included Graduate, Stonewall and River 'R' (3686 E. Speedway). P.S. Club opened on Ft. Lowell near First Ave. in September by George Roderus as the first Private After Hours Men's Club in town. \* First annual Gay Fair and Carnival at Stonewall over July 4<sup>th</sup> weekend.

**1976 OVERVIEW**

Bars and Clubs in Tucson were Graduate (Dale Yount); Stonewall (Tom Seward & John Morgan with Rick Norman DJ; Lucky Pierre's (John Richtars); P.S. Club (Roderus); Back Door Baths (Lloyd Wilson); Jekyll and Hyde's opened on Labor Day (Ed Persillin); Hair Tiz bar opens (Polly Stadelman and Dave Peppin) in the MacArthur Hotel downtown where old Black Door occupied. \* Adrian,

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**SEPTEMBER 21st**  
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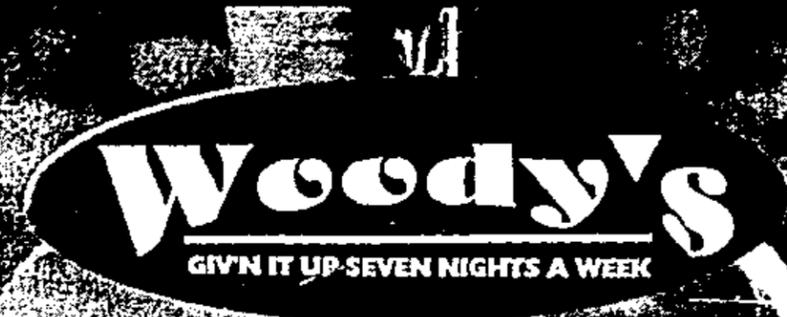
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## GMHP Wins 2003 National Health Information Award

TUCSON - The Gay Men's Health Project (GMHP) was selected as a winner in the tenth annual National Information Awards. This program recognizes the nation's best consumer health information and materials.

The campaign, "Your Life Matters" condom box received a Gold Award and the "Take Me" card received a Bronze Award. Those involved in the production and design of the "Condom Box" and "Take Me" card are Scott A. Davey and Gary Rhine (GMHP staff), the GMHP peer working group and Godot Design.

"We were delighted to participate in the National Health Information Awards Program and were honored to be selected as a winner," said Scott A. Davey. "Our winning entry was among the nearly 1,100

entries judged by a national panel of health information experts." The awards program is coordinated by the Health Information Resource Center, a national clearinghouse for consumer health information programs and materials. The Center, which houses a large collection of such public and private sector materials, promotes the distribution of accurate, timely consumer health information materials to professionals and managers in the field.

GMHP is a collaborative project of the Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation (SAAF), the Pima County Health Department and the Wingspan Community Center as a prevention and health promotion for Gay men. The mission of SAAF is to create and sustain a healthier community through a compassionate, comprehensive response to HIV/AIDS.

## Archdiocese & School Sued Over Girl's Counseling

ALBUQUERQUE - A former Albuquerque, N.M., sportscaster is suing the archdiocese of Santa Fe and St. Pius High School officials over counseling his daughter received at the school. A lawsuit filed by Terry McDermott, who is now a spokesman for Intel, and his wife and daughter alleges that the 15-year-old was counseled to visit an adult nightclub and a sexually explicit Web site when she questioned her sexual orientation.

Katie McDermott, who is now 19, sought help from St. Pius in the fall of 1999. She wanted help in talking about the issue with her parents because she didn't want to alienate them. "Katie was emotionally fragile, experiencing suicidal ideation, and needed competent professional care," according to the lawsuit.

But head counselor Patricia Carlton-McQueen didn't tell McDermott and his wife that their daughter was being counseled by the school or that she had tried to commit suicide, according to the lawsuit, filed July 14. And the suit claims that although the counselor claimed the sessions were confidential, word of Katie's problems spread around the school.

Archdiocese spokeswoman Celine Radigan said St. Pius denies the allegations but would not comment further. "We'll rely on the judicial process to resolve the situation," she said.

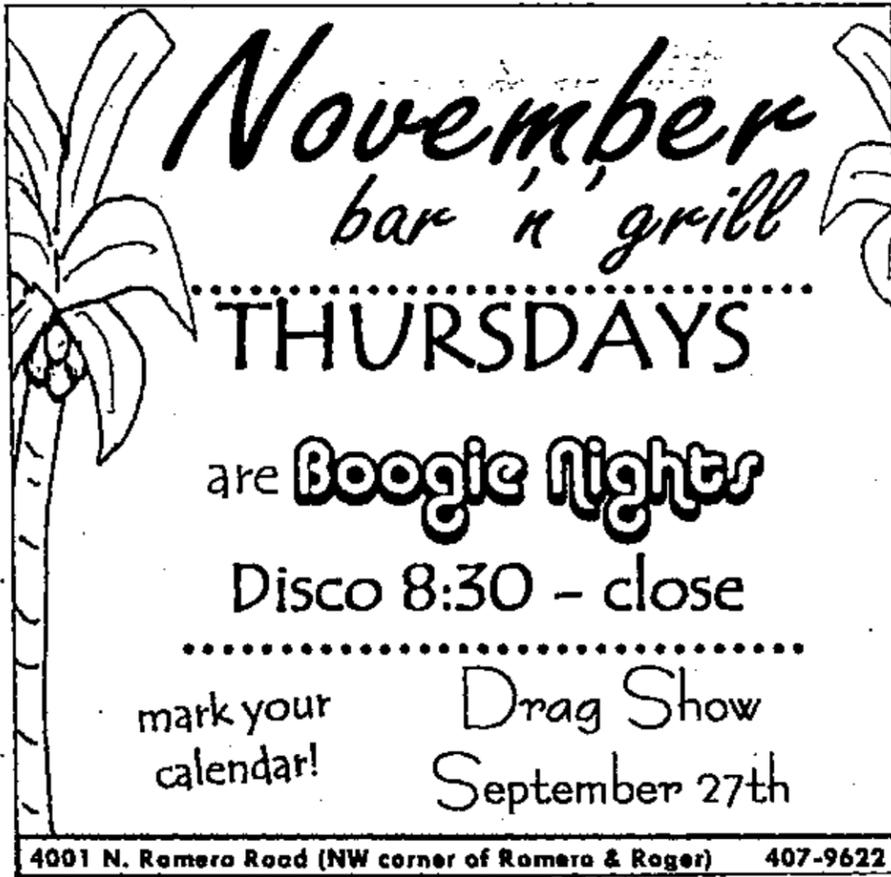
The McDermotts' attorney, Sam Bregman, said the family was "devastated by the actions of St. Pius, the archdiocese, and Archbishop Michael Sheehan."

When the McDermotts brought their concerns to Sheehan, the archbishop mischaracterized Katie's treatment as relating to "the Gay issue" and ratified the conduct of the St. Pius administration, the suit said. "Sheehan hinted to the McDermotts that they should not make Katie's case public since it would expose Katie's sexual issues to the world," the lawsuit said.

The lawsuit says Katie, a sophomore in the fall of 1999, suffered anxiety, depression, and confusion about sexual issues when the counseling began. Katie told Carlton-McQueen that she tried to take her own life, showing the marks of two separate wounds to her wrists, according to the suit. Carlton-McQueen told Katie she would provide counseling and would not tell her parents if Katie agreed not to kill herself, the suit said.

The suit also alleges that Carlton-McQueen "introduced Katie to a Web site containing images of explicit sexual acts between adult females" and "provided Katie with the address of an Albuquerque bar frequented by adult patrons who were served alcoholic beverages."

The lawsuit said the McDermotts were also Carlton-McQueen's clients since they were the parents of a child in counseling, and it quoted the state's Counseling and Therapy Practice Board. The McDermotts moved their daughter to another school, where she graduated. Katie also had to undergo professional counseling, the suit said.



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## TIHAN

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This year's hosts, Lucinda Holliday and Ajia Simone, promise a great night of glitter, excitement, and entertainment. "Turnabout for TIHAN" is produced by Produced by M\*A\*V-clous Productions (Tim "Vanna" Barth, Marc Brunelle, and Scott Seitzberg).

There will be a light buffet and silent auction beginning at 5:00 p.m., with the show starting at 7:00 p.m. Tickets are \$12.50 in advance, or \$15.00 at the door, and are available through the TIHAN office (520) 299-6647 or at Tucson's GLBT clubs.

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## West Hollywood Attackers Sentenced

WEST HOLLYWOOD - Two men who went on a hunting spree near West Hollywood, Los Angeles, and attacked two Gay men with baseball bats and knives were sentenced to 10 and 14 years in prison after not contesting the charges, the Associated Press reported.

Deputy District Attorney John Allen Ramseyer was cited by the Associated Press as saying the cases were definitely hate crimes. He said the men went to the neighborhood just east of West Hollywood on Oct. 14, 2002, looking for victims, reported the Gay.com/PlanetOut.com network.

The two Gay bashers, both in their 20s, did not contest the charges of attempted murder and hate crimes. One of them, Ever Wilfredo Rivera, received a 14-year sentence; the second, Selvin Orlando Campos, was given 10 years in prison. Both men must also pay the victims' medical bills.

In the first attack, 47-year-old Ricardo Lorenzana received a blow to the head that required 14 stitches. Moments later, the duo assaulted a 19-year-old man, who parried the baseball bat blows, but was knived. The two attackers used anti-Gay epithets during the second incident.

"The reasons for Gay hate violence vary. But there is one thread in common: intolerance and hatred for LGBT people because of who they are," Christopher Labonte, deputy director for legislation at the Human Rights Campaign, told the Gay.com/PlanetOut Partners Network from

Washington D.C.

Labonte pointed out that statistics clearly show that violence targeting toward LGBT people continues to be an enormous problem in the United States. "Historically, these cases are under-reported," Labonte added.

Labonte urged better training and more federal resources to help law enforcement investigate and prosecute bias-motivated crimes. "The first priority is that Congress and the administration need to get together to enact meaningful hate crime laws," he said.

To a question about whether President Bush (news - web sites)'s statement against Gay marriage may be a factor in recent hate crimes against LGBT people, Labonte said the president had in the same breath talked about respect and tolerance. "However, any discriminatory statement that dehumanizes the LGBT people adds to the problem.

"The LGBT attacker does not look upon his victim as an equal human," he concluded.

Had the case against the duo gone to trial, they could have been given life in prison.

The Oct. 14 attacks occurred very near the West Hollywood locality where Gay actor Trev Broudy was beaten and robbed in September 2002 after he kissed his boyfriend goodbye.

## Mother Of Teen Suicide Settles Cop Case

MINERSVILLE - The parent of a teenager who killed himself, allegedly because police threatened to out him to his family, has settled a lawsuit against the borough of Minersville, Pennsylvania, reported the Gay.com/PlanetOut.com network.

Madonna Sterling will receive \$100,000 from the borough of Minersville, a town of 4,500 about 50 miles from Harrisburg, as out-of-court compensation for a suit alleging that her son's rights to privacy were violated by police.

In April 1997, Marcus Wayman, Sterling's 18-year-old son, was arrested while drinking in a car with Matthew Adamick, then 17. After finding condoms in the car, the two arresting officers claim the teens admitted they had stopped to have sex. Adamick denies either boy made the statement. Wayman and Adamick were arrested for trespassing and underage drinking.

In her lawsuit, Sterling alleged that officers Scot Willinsky and Thomas Holban lectured the boys about the biblical prohibitions on homosexuality. She claimed Willinsky threatened to tell Wayman's stepgrandfather that Wayman was Gay unless the boy came out to his family on his own, which prompted Wayman to tell Adamick he planned to commit suicide. Wayman shot himself in the head upon his release a few hours later.

Willinsky and Holban deny this version of events, but Willinsky admits he called Adamick's house and told Adamick to state to his mother that he was Gay.

Wayman, who was a football player in the small Pennsylvania town and the stepson of a former military police officer, was not Gay, according to the testimony of his family, friends and girlfriend.

In 2001, a jury in Allentown, Pa. ruled that the officers had not violated the teen's privacy rights, the basis of Sterling's case. The verdict was overturned by U.S. District Judge Arnold C. Rapoport of the Eastern District in Allentown on appeal in June 2002. In October 2002, Rapoport ordered a new trial, which was also confirmed upon appeal in January 2003.

Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund submitted a friend-of-the-court brief in the case saying, "As the plaintiff's evidence in this case shows, enormous harms can arise, particularly among Lesbian and Gay youth." Wayman's case was also cited by the ACLU in a 2003 letter to an Arkansas school warning against the possible repercussions of privacy-rights violations.

The Associated Press reported that Kyle Quandel, a family friend and publicist, said that the family was "devastated." "This is not what they wanted," Quandel said.

In 2002, Sterling and her husband attended a tribute to Wayman by the local Gay community, according to the Pottsville, Pa. Republican Herald. Wayman's stepfather, Mark Sterling, stated, "It didn't matter if Marcus was Gay or straight, as long as he was safe and happy. You never know what you have until you lose it."

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**POLITICS 2003**  
By Mark P. Kant

**So Where Do They Really Stand:  
Al Sharpton**

This is the second in a series of responses to the Human Rights Campaign Questionnaire by the nine, soon to be ten, candidates for the 2004 Democratic Presidential Nomination. Social activist and preacher, the Rev. Al Sharpton of New York is featured this week:

**In 36 states, no laws protect Americans from employment discrimination based on sexual orientation, like the federal laws that exist on race, religion, sex, national origin, age or disability. As president, would you support and work for passage of a federal bill that would prohibit job discrimination based on sexual orientation?**

**Sharpton: Support. Comments: I believe all Americans should have equal protection under the law.**

**As president, would you support and work for passage of a federal bill that outlawed discrimination in the workplace based on gender identity and expression?**

**Sharpton: Support. Comments: No American should be discriminated against on the job because of their gender identity or expression.**

**Currently federal hate crime laws do not cover sexual orientation or gender identity and expression. Would you support the inclusion of protections based on sexual orientation and gender identity to the law passed in 1968 which covers the categories of race, religion and national origin?**

**Sharpton: Support. Comments: Hate crimes on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity and expression should be treated no differently than hate crimes based on race, religion or national origin.**

**New treatments have improved the quality of life for those living with HIV/AIDS, but those treatments are expensive, and not available to everyone who needs them. As president, would you support: Increased funding for the Ryan White CARE Act?**

**Sharpton: Support. Comments: It would certainly be a better use of tax money than giving a tax break to the 400 people who earn more than 1% of all income in the U.S.**

**Allowing low-income Americans better access to treatment through the Early Treatment for HIV Act (ETHA)?**

**Sharpton: Support. Comments: All human beings are God's children and should be treated equally before the law. Early treatment prevents unnecessary suffering and prolongs life.**

**Increased funding for HIV/AIDS prevention, treatment and research?**

**Sharpton: Support. Comments: Of course we should strive for prevention, improve treatment, and engage in the best research possible to find a cure.**

**Comprehensive and age-appropriate sex education for America's students that includes science-based prevention methods?**

**Sharpton: Support. Comments: Of course. We're supposed to be an intelligent, mature and civilized people.**

**Currently, no state recognizes any legal form of marriage for same sex couples. Do you believe the civil institution of marriage (with absolutely no requirements imposed on religious institutions) should be made legally available to two committed adults of the same sex?**

**Sharpton: Support. Comments: I believe in equal human rights, before the law, for all human beings, and race, gender, disability, class or sexual orientation should not be a factor under the law. Even though we live under the law in a secular democratic society, religious groups must still be able to maintain their spiritual and moral option to either give or withhold a religious or sacred blessing to such unions. However, the government should not have that option. It must affirm the human and legal rights of everyone.**

**If you do not believe that civil marriage for same-sex couples should be made available to same-sex couples on the same basis as opposite sex couples, is there any legal construct you do embrace that would extend legal recognition to same sex couples?**

**Sharpton: N/A Supports full civil marriage**

**If a state has taken the steps to recognize same sex couples (and their families) for purposes of state-based benefits, rights, privileges and responsibilities, should the federal government recognize the state's legal recognition of such couples and families for purposes of federal benefits and tax treatment?**

**Sharpton: Support. Comments: Article IV, Clause One, of the Constitution - known as the full faith and credit clause - obligates states to fully recognize each others acts and proceedings, and Congress has never passed a law permitting states not to recognize certain "Acts, Records and judicial Proceedings" of another state. The Tenth Amendment states, in essence, if a right is not in the Constitution, it resides with the state or the people. It seems logical to me that the federal government should be supportive of local control (i.e., in this instance, state law).**

**Gay and Lesbian Americans pay federal taxes. According to a 1997 GAO study, requested by Judiciary Chairman Henry Hyde, there are over 1000 benefits, rights and privileges provided to married couples and their families in federal law. Same-sex couples cannot access such benefits, rights and privileges because same sex couples are not allowed to marry in any state in the union. Do you support extending federal benefits, rights, privileges and responsibilities to same-sex couples (and their children) provided the partnership meets certain federal standards of commitment and mutuality of interest?**

**Sharpton: Support. Comments: Again, the same standard - equal protection under the law - should apply.**

**Specifically, do you support the expansion of the Family and Medical Leave Act to cover domestic partners and their children?**

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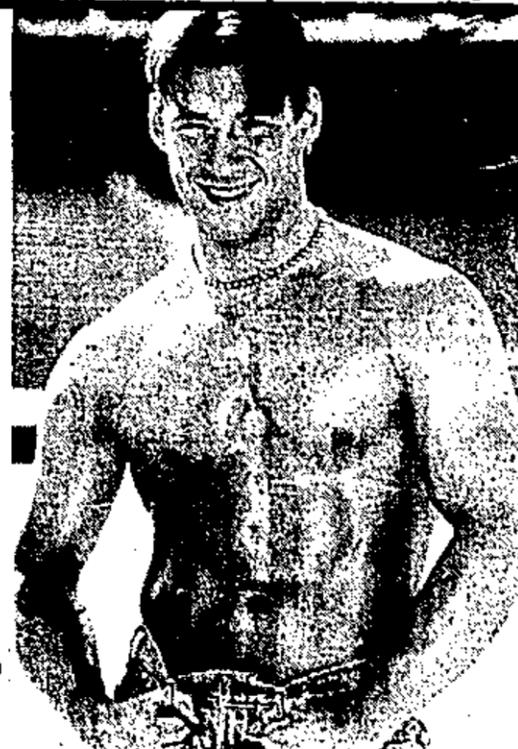
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**What Makes Our Town Tick?**

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By Jerry D.

**'Come Knock On Our Door'**

Hello readers! It seems as though lately I have been writing about the loss of either a local celebrity or one who is better known. I was on the verge of ranting this week about something political when I heard the news of the passing of John Ritter. He will definitely be missed for his talent, but upon thinking about his career, I find that there is another avenue to take when giving him his due praise.

Back in the mid-70's, television seemed pretty generic. Most shows were based on a culture that did not include many minorities. The only Latin character was Ponch on CHiP's, and African-American roles were limited to The Jefferson's and Huggy Bear. So with the minorities being portrayed in a stereotypical manner, a Gay character would have been treated just as bad.

When ABC decided to launch the American version of the British hit "Man About the House", they knew they were about to go in a very new direction. The leading male character was a young handsome man who lies about being Gay to be able to save money by living with two female friends. The premise was easy to insert in our society at the time, with the inflation and economy problems this country was having. The issue of course was how America was going to embrace someone even faking to be Gay.

John Ritter was chosen for the role of Jack for his good looks and ability to do physical comedy. His comparison to Dick Van Dyke could not be argued by any generation, and Ritter knew that the series could be a launching pad for his career. His shining moment came when his character, Jack Tripper, was supposed to be in his Gay persona.

Ritter could have taken that part of the role in many directions. Gays were

mostly portrayed in movies as either cross-dressers or flamboyant feminine types. They were criminals in cop shows and seedy characters in medical shows. Ritter took a page from his previous stage experience and based that part of the role on people he actually knew. In doing that he gave a face to future Gay characters that is still being exercised.

Whenever his landlord, Mr. Furley confronted the character of Jack, Ritter simply added a soft smile to his demeanor. He would bat his eyelashes for comic effect, but not so much as a bent wrist was seen in an act that can be compared to the famed duos of the vaudeville era. Ritter and Norman Fell, who played Mr. Furley, were the oddest of couples without ever being controversial. Fell's role was one of morals that were being questioned at the time, while Ritter took a stereotype out of the limelight for Gay characters, even though he was not one in the show.

Nowadays when you watch "Will and Grace", or any of the seemingly endless line of new shows jumping on the Gay bandwagon, you will see a little of Jack Tripper in each of the male roles. "Will and Grace" has even gone so far as to use a Jack Tripper reference in one of their episodes. Ritter's character will never be the model for Gay males in television, but because of him, roles advanced to more realistic forms.

Nick at Night is constantly playing all of the episodes of "Three's Company". If you have cable, sit through an episode or two. The basic sitcom formula is used in every installment, as well as the sexual innuendo that gave the show a 9:30 slot in its day. But hidden in the fray of the craziness is John Ritter doing what he did best. Portraying a character with a very human essence, no matter what the role may be. Have a good week and please register to vote for the coming elections!

committed adults from adopting because of their sexual orientation. As president would you support giving appropriate judicial authorities the full authority to make decisions on adoption based on the best interest of the child, without bans based solely on sexual orientation?

Sharpton: Support. Comments: Equal protection under the law.

Would you support the Permanent Partners Immigration Act (H.R. 832) which would enable an American citizen to petition for immigration sponsorship for a same-sex partner, and the INS would treat the relationships between opposite and same-sex couples in the same manner under the immigration code?

Sharpton: Support. Comments: Equal protection under the law.

Would you support a congressional repeal of the "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" policy which would allow Gay, Lesbian, and Bisexual soldiers the right to serve openly in the military as is currently the policy in nearly every NATO country?

Sharpton: Support. Comments: Equal protection under the law. The military code of conduct should allow military people to live openly in the "truth" rather than to live silently or covertly a "lie."

For more information about Rev. Al Sharpton, visit his website: sharptonexplore2004.com.

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Sharpton: Support. Comments: The same standard—equal protection under the law.

Do you support fair and equal tax treatment of same sex couples on the same basis as married couples?

Sharpton: Support. Comments: Equal protection under the law.

Do you support modifying the Social Security System to pay survivor benefits to the same-sex partners of Gay and Lesbian people?

Sharpton: Support. Comments: The same legal standard of equal protection should apply.

Many Gay and Lesbian people serve in the federal government but do not receive the same health insurance and other employee benefits of married couples. Do you support domestic partner coverage for Gay and Lesbian employees of the civilian federal workforce?

Sharpton: Support. Comments: Equal protection under the law.

While 47 states allow Gay and Lesbian people to adopt children, some legislators are pushing to prohibit capable,

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# SAAF UPDATE

SOUTHERN ARIZONA AIDS FOUNDATION

By Anne Maley

In 1992, I moved to Tucson and attended first AIDS WALK here. It was a benefit for the Tucson AIDS Project and about 150 people attended the event that was held at Reid Park. Many changes have occurred since then - both with the event and with the epidemic.

AIDS WALK started in Tucson in 1988 - 15 years ago. If you were in Tucson, you may have been participating in the first AIDS WALK. You too have seen the changes throughout the community - some of them good, some not so good. While each of us wishes that there were no need to hold an AIDS WALK today we know that the need is even greater today than it was 15 years ago. While we have more government support for HIV/AIDS care and prevention programs than we did 15 years ago, we are serving a significantly higher number of people with greater needs. With new treatments available, people are living longer than they did 15 years ago - this is good news. The number of people getting infected with HIV isn't decreasing and, in some cases, the numbers are increasing - especially among men who have sex with men. Prevention remains our only cure.

Today AIDS WALK has more than 4000 participants and raises over \$225,000 for services and programs at SAAF.

In the first six months of 2003, SAAF saw a 14.1% increase in the number of people coming in for services. SAAF serves over 1000 people. And our prevention programs have grown over the past 18 months to do targeted outreach and

education to the highest risk communities in the State - including youth of color, Gay men, Latino men, and Gay youth. We will remain committed and have our voices heard to ensure that people living with HIV/AIDS and those at risk for HIV can be assured services. But we need you help. You can support SAAF by raising money for our AIDS WALK on October 19th.

This year a 10k noncompetitive run is offered along with the regular 10k and 4k walks. TIHAN will provide an Interfaith service at 7:30 a.m. followed by the Quilt Opening Ceremony at 8:00 a.m.

Participating in AIDS WALK is personal and fun. The success of AIDS WALK depends strongly on the teams' involvement. The corporate sponsorships are important and so are individuals and the teams. A team can be a group of two to thirty people whatever you decide. Get your family members, friends, co-workers, and anyone you can think of to join us as we walk or run together on October 19, 2003 at Rillito River Park.

Registrations forms are available from SAAF's office or online at [www.aidswalktucson.com](http://www.aidswalktucson.com). Put your commitment to action; do something that shows that HIV/AIDS is a community issue, affecting each of us in different ways. "Know AIDS; Talk About It; Keep Walking."

Save the date - it's coming soon! Register today for the 4k walk. If you are runner there's something new this year: a 10k non-competitive run! After the Walk, plan to join your friends for great music, food and fun! Register by calling (520) 791-9255 or visit [aidswalktucson.com](http://aidswalktucson.com).

# TUCSON - A GAY HISTORY

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Empress I de Arizona honored for 30 years of female impersonation in ceremony at the Graduate. \* Mike Heimbuch and Mitch Bunting open Bookland at 3244 E. Speedway. \* Stonewall opens patio called "Stoneybrook" on March 15 during a freak snowstorm. \* "Tucson Gay Coalition" founded in April as first Gay 'political' organization. Co-founders were Carmine Cardamone and Al DeLabio. \* The Gay Students Organization (GSO) on the UofA campus and Metropolitan Community Church (MCC) were the only other two organizations operating at this time. \* Gay Community Services (GCS) founded with Norman Bloss as Director.

June 6, 1976

Richard Heakin, a young Gay visitor from Lincoln, Nebraska, was bludgeoned to death by four teenagers at "Stonewall Bar" parking lot (First avenue near Glenn). Four young men, who were part of a larger group of high school-aged youths, were subsequently arrested in connection with the death. The Tucson Gay community mobilizes.

September 29, 1976

"The Observer" founded under its original 'name' Tucson Gay Newsletter' (TGN) and a short time later as 'Arizona Gay News' (AGN). The first weekly publication in Arizona for the Gay and Lesbian community. Founders Bob Ellis and George Roderus.

October 6, 1976

Tucson public relations police liaison begins with officers Mark Thomas and Ken Magoch making rounds at all the bars in response to Heakin murder, to cool the community's anger.

October 13, 1976

Buff Fisher takes over as Pastor of MCC Tucson.

October 20, 1976

Judge Ben C. Birdsall grant probation to Richard Heakin murders. Because of the youth's ages, they were tried as juvenile offenders. Despite testimony to the contrary, even from the quartet's companions, Birdsall ruled that he could find no evidence of malice or premeditation, and therefore reduced the charges from first degree murder to involuntary manslaughter.

October 30, 1976

Imperial Court of Tucson is inaugurated as Empress I Cicely is crowned at Jekyll's before a crowd of 600. \* Big George hired as bouncer and Bud Sherrick is operations manager at Jekyll's \* Lucky Pierre's Cocktail Hour prices were 40¢ well; 25¢ draft and 40¢ domestic bottle beer.

December 1976

2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Hayride to Winterhaven hosted by the Stonewall. \* H&L Bar opens (Bill and Barbara) 1906 S. Craycroft. \* GCS moves to a building at 627 N. 7<sup>th</sup> Ave.

1977 OVERVIEW

Polly Stadelman, Dave Peppin and Norman Bloss of the Hair Tiz, announced the purchase of the Hotel MacArthur which houses the bar. The hotel was built in 1909 as the Hotel Heidel and changed to the MacArthur during WWI. Grand opening of Hair Tiz Jan. 19.

January 5, 1977

"Stonewall Bar" and dancing area, closes due to poor business following the Heakin incident, Back Pocket remains open.

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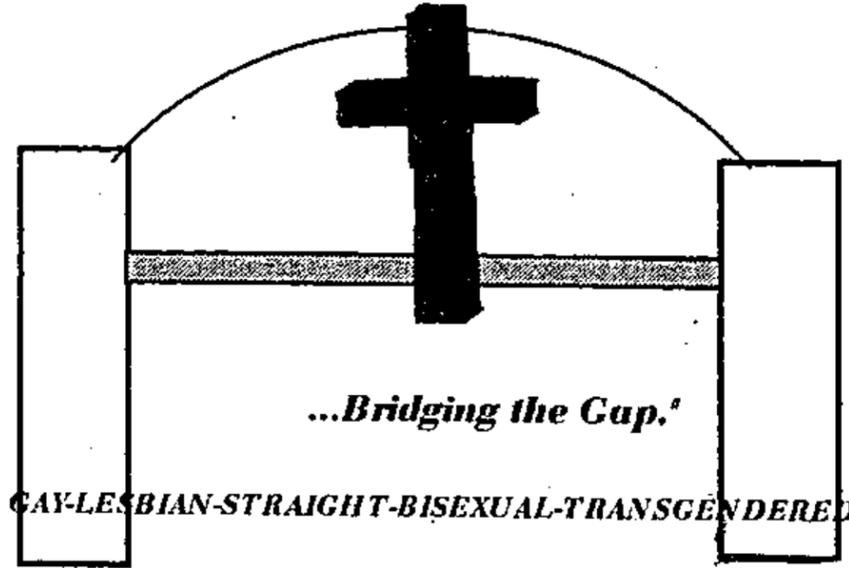
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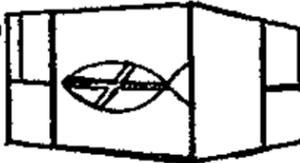
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### A View From The Rock

by Jay L. Childress, a Commentary From Cornerstone Fellowship

A Warm Welcome to All Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgendered People

I think these meetings at Cornerstone Fellowship are so very important to our community, so I am going to print this article again. I offer you a very warm welcome at Cornerstone this coming week-end.

This week I decided (or that is God decided) to write about something special that is going to happen at Cornerstone Fellowship Church September 19-21, 2003.

Many of our community never go to church because they have heard the message that God condemns them: so, why go to church? Many in our community don't even go to churches where our community is welcomed, because they feel it is a trap to lure them in, in order to change their "ways". And many in our community who have come from Baptist, Church of Christ, Assembly of God, Charismatic, Apostolic churches are afraid to come to Cornerstone Fellowship because Cornerstone is Evangelical and Charismatic, and it reminds them too much of their backgrounds and the condemnation that was bestowed upon them.

I want to tell you now that Cornerstone does not condemn our life-style, nor is it a trap to get you to change our life-style. Everyone in our

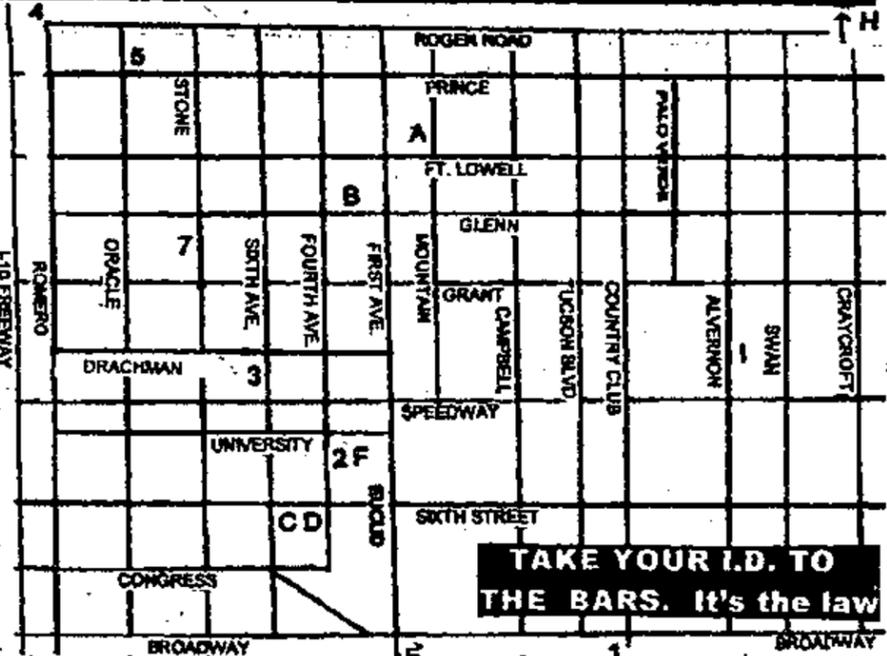
congregation is Gay, Lesbian, bisexual, or Transgendered. The pastor is Gay, also, and yet, he preaches the Word of God and is anointed by God. This church does not condemn or judge or pass on prejudice or manipulate. It is a church where Jesus Christ's love and saving grace is preached. At times I am dismayed at our community's willingness to believe the lies of the mainstream Evangelical churches that preach condemnation towards us. They are lies, lies, lies! You can go to church and worship God and receive the love and salvation of Jesus Christ just as anyone else can. For this reason, I want to invite you to our church for special meetings.

On Friday, September 19, at 7:00 p.m., Saturday, September 20, at 7:00 p.m., Sunday, September 21 at 10:30 a.m. and 6:00 p.m., we will be having a special speaker. He is Pastor Chuck Breckenridge of Diversity Christian Fellowship, Tulsa, Oklahoma. He is Gay himself and is in a Gay relationship. He is a singer, a song writer, a pianist, and a preacher. I have heard him preach when I was at a conference in Dallas, TX. He is a powerful speaker with a great sense of humor. He plays the piano with ease and grace and knowledge of music. I know that you would enjoy hearing him both speak, sing, and play. If you don't like preaching, then come just to listen to his music. He is a gifted musician!

Cornerstone Fellowship is located at 2902 North Geronimo, between Grant and Fort Lowell. Call 622-4626 if you need directions. I invite you all to come and hear how much you are loved by God. Do not believe the lies of mainstream evangelicals!

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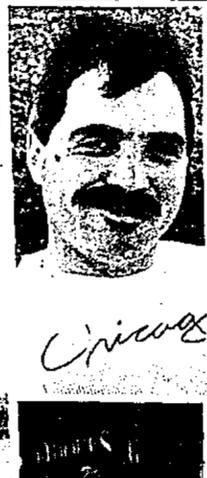
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# LOOKING BACK THROUGH THE 80'S



**COMMENTARY**

**I Just Love Talk Radio**

By Brad Holland

On Friday afternoon 09/12, Mayor Walkup appeared on the Burt Lee call-in radio talk show between 4 and 5pm to discuss his vision of Tucson's future. The Mayor is up for reelection. The Q&A was the usual Lee soft-balling about Iraq and the un-American activities of "some" Council Members. All that was lacking were tales of black helicopter sightings and alien abduction testimonials. I guess they were short on time. I just love talk radio.

The first caller, blessedly cut off by a bad cell connection, wanted to discuss his personal frustration with the court's DUI process. It was obvious he was driving while he talked, but it was unclear whether he was sober or not. Like I said, I love talk radio.

Then, it suddenly got very scary. A next caller wanted to discuss just how much power THOSE people; those GLBT (Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual and Transgendered) folks, had in this city. The mayor repeatedly fumbled the acronym for the GLBT Commission and waffled on their policy accomplishments. Then, the caller abruptly

shifted his questions to the Parade Application process. Now, anyone with half a brain could see where this train wreck was headed. But apparently not the Mayor. Walkup invited the man to call his office to learn more about the process and get help. Walkup chirpily encouraged him saying, "Anybody can have a parade!" as he recited the mayor's office phone number.

Oh, it got worse. The caller told his tale of personal horror; of taking his son roller-blading in Reid Park and "accidentally" going into the GLBT Community OUT-tober Fest for a beer.

OK... I have to admit... This part was pretty funny. Anyone who has ever been to OUT-tober Fest knows the caller would have had to "accidentally" pay the \$5 cover for each member of his family and "accidentally" walk past 15 or so drag queens, 100 rainbow flags, the full compliment of Dykes on Bikes, just to get through the security gates. Hel-LO!!!

But the caller plodded on and I winced when he finally cut to the inevitable chase. In response to the unspeakable trauma of seeing men holding hands and

women touching each other, (which he's apparently been playing over and OVER in his mind) he has now decided to apply for a permit for his very own Straight Pride Parade.... something for all the "normal people.. not the deviants." And the Mayor had just given him the Tucson Bat Phone number and an invitation to fast-track the application process.

So what's the big deal? Yes, all politicians pander. It is not unusual to suck up to special interests. But bigots are different. Homebuilders are not murdered by emboldened zealots in parking lots after hours just because they're homebuilders. Nor are car dealers tied to fence posts in Wyoming and left to die. This caller went away believing Mayor Bob Walkup agrees with him and feels his pain. The Mayor was perfectly willing to let him believe it.

Here's the larger point. If instead of GLBT's, that caller had bashed Blacks, or Hispanics, or immigrants, Jews, or Muslims, or women... then I do not think Mayor Walkup's response would have been any different.... not less pandering, not more confrontive.... not more enlightened or pro-active. Don't get me wrong. I do not

think the Mayor is a homophobe or a racist. But Republican Mayor Walkup knows he cannot afford to alienate a single bigot in this town if he hopes to get reelected. The electoral numbers are too tight. And there are a LOT of bigots in Tucson. Walkup cannot afford to openly oppose prejudice and hate, and still grab the brass ring.

If Mayor Walkup's vision of Tucson's future includes more mis-believing, political pandering to homophobes and supporting a Straight White Pride Parade for non-deviants, then he is not my candidate.

Maybe it's just me, but I really expected more from Bob Walkup. For my vote, I want a Mayor who fully understands the consequences of his actions; who understands that his calculated political silence could mean death for a GLBT kid. I want a mayor with a fully functioning moral compass the backbone to follow it.

[Brad Holland is an activist and local attorney.]

**Support Group For LGBT Victims Of Violence Offered**

TUCSON - Are you the victim/survivor of recent or past abuse, harassment, discrimination, and/or violence? Are you close to someone who has been victimized? Are you Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender (LGBT), or an Ally? Wingspan Offers a Support / Discussion Group for LGBT Victim/Survivors of Abuse and Violence.

One of the most vital resources for survivors of violence and abuse is having a safe place to tell their stories, share information, and offer and receive support. For Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and allied people, finding a safe space to talk about these issues can be difficult. This group is for both recent survivors of violence, as well as for people who experienced the violence a long time ago. The Wingspan AVP considers violence to span a full range of behavior from intimidation, verbal harassment, and threats to physical violence and murder.

The free, confidential biweekly group is for survivors of: Relationship or domestic violence (including physical, economic, psychological abuse, etc), hate / bias crimes, emotional abuse, stalking, sexual assault / rape, childhood sexual abuse, school, home, or work place harassment, and other forms of violence, harassment, discrimination, stalking, and abuse

Because Wingspan recognizes the far-reaching impact that violence has on friends and loved ones, secondary victims (friends and family) are also encouraged to attend the group

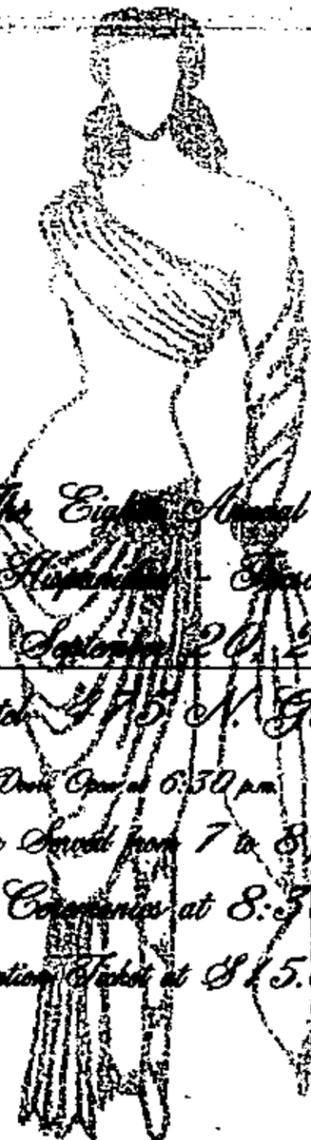
In addition to peer support, group participants will receive information on issues such as the effects of violence, identifying healthy support systems, the criminal justice system, and other educational topics. Groups may be supplemented with videos and handouts. This is not a therapy group, but instead a participant-focused, discussion/educational/support group. The group is co-facilitated by a Lesbian and a Gay man, both of whom are trained advocates and facilitators.

For more information or to join the free and confidential group: Call Wingspan, (520) 624-1779 (ask for Heather) or email wdvp@wingspan.org. If you or someone you know has or is experiencing violence, please call the 24 hour crisis line at (520) 624-0348 or toll free at (800) 553-9387

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# TUCSON - A GAY HISTORY

Continued from Page Eight

Lucky Pierre's changes hands. Roger Barger begins bartending at Graduate.

February 4, 1977

First issue of Arizona Gay News (AGN) in tabloid form \* Fernando Ochoa crowned Emperor I of the Empire of Tucson. First Court included Fernando, Empress I Cicely, Grand Duchess I Mahogany, Lord Prime Minister Bud Sherrick. Coronation held at Jekyll and Hyde's.

February 7, 1977

With the Tucson Gay Coalition spearheading the drive, Chapter 17 of the Tucson City Code was amended to include words "...shall not discriminate because of...sexual and affectional preference" as Tucson becomes first city in Arizona and among the first in the country to provide protection for Gays and Lesbians in employment, housing and public accommodations.

February 14, 1977

Lucky Pierre's closed and the club put up for sale. \* Kay Elledge, owner of Kaye's Happy Landing in Phoenix, died of cancer. The Landing was under Kaye's ownership for some 25 years and was one of the first Gay Bars in the state of Arizona.

March 9, 1977

Stonewall changes name to "Joshua Tree" bar. Re-opens with some major decor changes to the dancing area, but at the same location, 2921 N. 1<sup>st</sup> Ave.

March 25, 1977

First VD Clinic opens at Gay Community Services Center in conjunction with the Pima County Health Dept.

March 31, 1977

A large contingent of Tucsonans ride bus furnished by Jekyll's to go to State Capitol Senate hearing on revised criminal code. Over 600 in total attendance.

April 14, 1977

Gay Film Forum sponsored by the Tucson Public Library and funded by the Arizona Council on the Humanities was held at Rincon High School.

April 21, 1977

Steve Rau was voted "Royal Baby" at the Graduate. \* P.S. Club moving from Ft. Lowell Address to MacArthur Hotel downtown.

May 1977

"Front Runner" bar opens where old Lucky Pierre's was at 2222 N. Stone Avenue. David Sperry and Larry Altherr managers. \* P.S. Club re-opens as Toole Box in MacArthur Hotel May 13. George Roderus operator. \* First annual Mother's Weekend sponsored by "Mother" Johnny Lorton at Hair Tiz. \* First Fundraiser for Anita Bryant forces held May 10 \* Ed Persellin sold Jekyll's and Hyde's to Joel Maisano and Bernie Busfield. Club changes name to Jekyll's Last Culture \* AGN moved office into MacArthur Hotel space. \* Gay volleyball league forms in Tucson.

June, 1977

First 'Gay Pride' Picnic held in Himmel Park. Attendance around 150. Founders of the event: Cathy Hemler, George Neuman, Rick Wilson, Bill North. \* Anita Bryant roast at Joshua Tree nets \$565.85. \* Front Runner Grand Opening show starred Moosala, Woo-Woo, Lady Casandra, Dani Reid and Moose.

[NOTE: From here on pertinent news from Phoenix and the national scene will be added.]

June-1977 (continued)

Mr. Falingers and Forum-Boardwalk open in Phoenix. \* First Christian Church of Tucson barred MCC/Tucson the use of their facility. MCC continues to meet at Truth Chapel, 920 N. 1<sup>st</sup> Ave. \* Police arrests on increase in Himmel Park. \* President Carter makes statement on homosexuality.

July 1977

Last Culture opens. Mother Johnny anointed Grand Czarina de Arizona. Emperor II Joseph and Empress II Joanne were crowned at the Westward Ho in Phoenix. \* Morning Star Cafe opens at 1930 N. Miracle Mile. Owner Thom Swanson.

August, 1977

"Dignity/Tucson" founded first Gay organization incorporated under Arizona Law and first Arizona Gay organization granted tax exempt status by the IRS. Founders: Ray Birmingham and Bruce Fowler. \* Roy and Dave take over management of Joshua Tree. \* GCS sponsors stage production of "Love Is" a Los Angeles production. 134 tickets sold for the show in TCC Little Theater.

September 1977

"Integrity" and "Affirmation" (Episcopal and Mormon) formed in Tucson. Both disbanded within their first year. \* "Camel's Hump" open in Phoenix at 24<sup>th</sup> St. and McDowell. Phil Santhon owner.

Fall, 1977

"Gay Peer Counseling" provided by 'Gay Students Organization' (GSO) of the University of Arizona - first Gay/Lesbian organization at UofA. Founded by James Urhig and Phil Oliver. \* Cindi Diamond and Gregory crowned Emperor and Empress II in the Court de Tucson. The coronation took place at the Ramada Inn and was attended by thirteen other courts from California, Colorado, Nevada and Arizona. \* MCC Phoenix church was victim of arson fire causing about \$20,000 damage.

October 1977

"Tucson Knight Owls" (TKO) founded. First Levi/Leather men's social organization. Founders: Dale McKissick and Leo Ridinger. \* Ramrod in Phoenix celebrates 6<sup>th</sup> anniversary on Oct. 30.

November 1977

"Tucson Gay Community Center" opened at 627 N. 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue. First non-bar facility open for Gays and Lesbians in Tucson.. (Disbanded in April 1978). \* Two members of Tucson City Council who responded affirmatively to Tucson Gay Coalition questionnaires concerning Gay rights were swept into office. \* First annual Closet Ball held at Hair Tiz. Winner was Roxanne (aka Roger Barger) and runner up was Coco Chanell (aka Peter Sittig) \* Gregory abdicates title and Eddie Flores assume title of Emperor II

November 28, 1977

Phoenix-based Citizens for Constitutional Rights (CCR) brings Massachusetts State Representative, Elaine Noble to speak in Tucson and Phoenix accompanied by entertainer Rusty Warren. \* "La Casa Nuestra" opened as a facility for Gays and Lesbians. Later to become primarily a facility for feminist Lesbians. (Located on Dodge near Grant). Owner/Manager: Cathy Hemler.

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**NOTES FROM THE FOR-REAL SIDE**

by Lee Thorn

**Experimental Journalism**

Traditional journalism can easily be divided into types. The types can be seen to work in slightly different ways. Understanding their workings leads to a fuller understanding of the final products that they provide.

You have the op-ed type journalism in which the journalist is free to tell you what he thinks. The traditional limitation of this type is that its practitioners tend to have totally predictable views based on totally predictable political ideologies. The reader never encounters a new idea.

This might seem a bore to the intellectually restless, but it's a very marketable one: liberals read liberal columnists and are confirmed in their views. Conservatives read conservatives for confirmation. Everybody's happy.

And there's the traditional beat journalism, reporters who report on the same subjects and the same players day in and day out: the cop beat, the city hall beat, the court beat. The limitation here is that the beat reporters get too dependant on and too cozy with the people they're supposed to be covering.

You won't find a reporter on the cop beat asking Chief Miranda why TPD doesn't require a college degree of applicants to the force, or a reporter on the court beat asking Mr. House whether his Office of City Attorney is giving special treatment to a certain celebrity singer who got arrested for DUI ten months ago and still hasn't come to trial, or a reporter on the city hall beat asking the council why their ten-year plan for the city doesn't commit them to doing one single concrete thing.

Along with op-ed and beat journalism, you have the burgeoning

entertainment journalism wherein the news outlet constantly solicits input from the customer and tailors ongoing coverage to match the interests of the viewer. It's a little ridiculous to talk about journalistic limitations in this case because this isn't journalism in any meaningful sense. It's honest whoring and I say more power to 'em.

Could a new type of journalism accomplish some social good by criticizing an important community institution in a way that the institution might respond to without having to first suffer a damaging public rebuke? I raise the question because there's an important Tucson medical institution that's doing great work at the same time that it's routinely doing outrageous disservices to its patients. Wouldn't it be great to nudge them to improve in one area while not disturbing the other? Would they even recognize themselves from the few anecdotes I offer?

Anecdote one: A patient has an appointment for a certain time and is shown into an examining room. He impatiently waits there for three full hours. Then he hears what he believes to be his doctor's voice from down the hall. He follows it, finds his doctor and reminds him of their appointment. The doc says he's running a little late and that the patient can wait another forty-five minutes or reschedule the appointment.

Anecdote two: A nurse tells a patient to wait for her while she checks some records. He sees her walking by forty-five minutes later and says he's still waiting. She says she's sorry but she forgot about him. Then they repeat the exact same comedy two more times in the same afternoon.

Anecdote three: One doctor has a patient make an appointment with another doctor to confer about some tests that the first doc has ordered. Between appointments the patient goes in to take the tests. When the patient meets the second doctor that doc doesn't know what the patient is there for and he hasn't seen the results of the tests.

Anecdote four: A patient is sent to a room to give a urine sample. He goes to the room and is told to sign in and sit down. An hour later he's asked why he's there. He tells them and they give him a cup and send him to the bathroom to do something requiring about one minute.

The institution I'm describing, one full of brilliant medical people, hasn't tumbled to a rather obvious medical fact: It's not good for people to be treated like garbage.

This outfit has enough genius docs, nurses and techs. What it needs is somebody who's worked for awhile in a McDonald's and who can figure out how to get a hamburger into a customer's hand before the customer dies of despair.

If anyone reading this recognizes his workplace, please drop me a line. And don't bother looking up my name in your records. I've happily never been a patient there.

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**LIBRA**  
**SEPTEMBER 24 - OCTOBER 23**  
Some heavy hitters are making some strong statements; Shocking Uranus retrogrades into antsy Mars, opposes expansive Jupiter and squares volcanic Pluto. Life has a way of giving us a sharp lesson for every half-hearted attempt so put your heart into it or expect due punishment...hmmm perhaps a spanking?

**ARIES**  
**MARCH 21 - APRIL 20**  
We all have our personal prisons, pardner, but this week, during the Uranus, Mars, Pluto, Jupiter tete a tete, even the most careful Gay Rams are apt to slip into the vortex and tumble into the abyss. Yet, don't be tempted to escape from it all; You are made of sterner, stronger stuff. Face the demons at work or at school and let them know who is boss. Hey, just who is the boss?

**TAURUS**  
**APRIL 21 - MAY 21**  
Life is one big seesaw for queer Bulls. The squares, oppositions and conjunctions set off by four planets will force otherwise compromising Taurans to make a choice; friends or lovers. Who do you take to the dance? I suppose that it depends upon who is the most congenial this week. But choose carefully cousin; the oncoming winter can have its cold, cold nights...

**GEMINI**  
**MAY 22 - JUNE 21**  
If Gay Twins are pulled in all directions chalk it up to challenging aspects between Uranus, Mars, Jupiter and Pluto. Partners, family and bosses all vie for your attention and a piece of your flesh. Don't get pulled apart; take everything slowly and keep your sense of humor. Suggestion: If bosses want a piece of you, give 'em your middle finger. Give lovers something much lower...

**CANCER**  
**JUNE 22 - JULY 23**  
Every little gripe on the job will magnify and amplify this week when four planets oppose and square each other. If you're itching to start a revolution, go ahead comrade, but strike with your eyes fully open and be prepared to deal with aftershocks. Pink Crabs are usually fairly precise however retro Uranus now has you flailing at apparitions. Anyone we know and love?

**LEO**  
**JULY 24 - AUGUST 23**  
Sex, drugs and rock and roll haunt you like mantra when four planets create a Grand Cross. You're tempted to dance the night away in flimsy peckaboos and gulp intoxicants like candy. But the price of lusty fun may be too dear for even flush proud Lions as retro Uranus pumps up the literal and figurative price tag. How about a cup of tea with your auntie instead?

**VIRGO**  
**AUGUST 24 - SEPTEMBER 23**  
Gay Virgos feel the urge to explode like fireworks. Such crass attention grabbing will eclipse the needs of partners and family. Like a firecracker, you'll cause a big bang, dissipate and be swept up with the garbage. So why stir up a commotion now when you lack stamina and follow through? Wait until next week when you are again a force unto yourself.

**LIBRA**  
**SEPTEMBER 24 - OCTOBER 23**  
If your intuition runs into overdrive, blame the impact of the Uranus, Mars, Jupiter and Pluto. Proud Libras may wind up saying some fairly outrageous things during this transit, many of which can disrupt the workplace. (How does it feel?) Leave the daily injustices to some one else and use this time to clean out the crap in your own closet. Burn it to dust and sweep it away!

**SCORPIO**  
**OCTOBER 24 - NOVEMBER 22**  
Queer Scorps may feel that friends are reining them in and preventing them from letting loose and having fun. Chalk up this frustration to the four planet Grand Cross. Fact is sweetheart, compadres have your best interests at heart and you are far too scatterbrained right now to be left alone. Wait until next week when you can party hearty and not lose the bank in the process.

**SAGITTARIUS**  
**NOVEMBER 23 - DECEMBER 22**  
If you have an overwhelming urge to dye your hair lavender and dress in cellophane culottes for work, use this week to take some time off instead. The four planet square dance tempts proud Archers to take unnecessary corporate risks that could create problems for future success and status. Avoid confrontation with superiors and relatives by complaining to pals instead.

**CAPRICORN**  
**DECEMBER 23 - JANUARY 20**  
Pink Caps want to change the world this week, but should settle for a street corner instead. Uranus, Mars, Jupiter and Pluto have you focusing on global problems that you currently do not have the resources to change. Breathe in, breathe out, cousin and don't say a word; this week you are better off mediating on a future course of action rather than plowing ahead.

**AQUARIUS**  
**JANUARY 21 - FEBRUARY 19**  
Expect some interesting monetary conflicts this week when retro Uranus conjuncts Mars, squares Pluto and opposes Jupiter. Funds seem to slip through your slippery fingers and all your pockets seem to have holes. Rather than become a lender or a borrower, Aquerians should avoid it all and entertain themselves with cheap thrills instead. No names please!

**PISCES**  
**FEBRUARY 20 - MARCH 20**  
Power struggles abound when four planets converge and bump. Guppies grapple with the conflict of either giving of themselves too much (and losing their independence) or giving of themselves too little (and losing their companion or their professional status). These personal decisions will set the course for you for the next several months. Hey, no pressure!

**"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

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## Ask Dr. X

DR. X HAS ANSWERS.

Dear Dr. X,

What is "trail mix"?

Signed, What The...

Dear What...

Trail mix is a combination of drugs taken at the same time. Imagine you and your friends get together for a rave or party and you have some blue pills, your friend has some red pills, and another friend has some oval pills. You would put them all together (usually in a bag or a bowl) then grab a scoop of the mix and take the entire scoop at once, hoping for that completely fabulous high.

Can you see the problems this could cause? Most importantly you don't know what your taking and how these drugs react to each other. If you needed medical assistance there would be no way to tell what you had ingested. Furthermore you have no idea of side affects and the affect of alcohol on these drugs. So keep in mind that this type of "high" could be a real downer and make you very sick, or even worse kill you; and always, always know what you are putting into your body and what it should and can do to you.

Dear Dr. X,

I'm tired of liars. The last couple of guys I've had crushes on have been cute and sweet at first and then all of a sudden I

find they're hiding drug & alcohol problems, or have just been unfaithful cheating dogs. I'm getting to the point where I don't trust anyone. I'm ready to give up trying to find a nice guy--got any advice?

Signed Frustrated.

Dear Frustrated,

Your probably not going to like what I have to say but here it goes. You seem to be looking to jump right into a relationship and are developing crushes for all the wrong reasons. You need to take your time and learn a little bit about the person you have a "crush" on before deciding this person is right for you. Go on a few dates and talk about hobbies and family and you'll be amazed at the information you can get. Remember to use your common sense when it comes to love.

Dear Dr. X

What exactly is semen? Is it safe to swallow? Can you tell anything about a guy's health by his cum? I like cum but notice it can be very different from guy to guy. Sometimes it's runny or looks like tapioca. I love that part of a man but need to know if what I am putting into my body is safe or not.

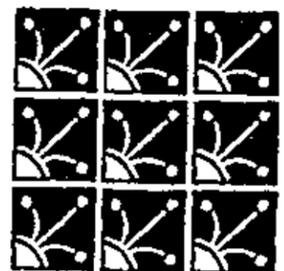
Signed, CumEater

Dear CumEater

Semen or cum is a fluid produced by your prostate gland. It is mixed with sperm and other fluids such as fructose (sugar). The average amount a guy cums is about 1/2 a teaspoon and you would have to ingest about 400 loads to equal the caloric content of a "death by chocolate" dessert.

Pre-cum is clear and leaks from your penis before you shoot. How much a guy pre-cums depends on the guy and how sexually excited he is. You must remember that semen is one of the 4 body fluids that transmit the HIV virus. Telling if a guy is healthy or sick from his cum is about as accurate as looking at someone and telling if they are positive or negative. Research says it is safe to swallow considering your stomach acids will kill any traces of HIV. There have been a few cases of HIV infection from oral sex, but in almost every case the patient had some other oral problem ...gum disease, sores, etc. As for consistency or taste it varies from person to person. Dr X has heard drinking pineapple juice, eating asparagus or drinking beer will affect the taste of your semen, but who knows. I'm just gonna take a moment to say keep your self safe and remember these words "on me, not in me."

[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.]



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**NON-BAR CALENDAR**  
GROUPS / CLUBS / ORGANIZATIONS

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17**

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

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18**

Local Gay Musical Group - BMT - Curt Beall, Tom Maza and Rey Tester - performing tonight and every Thursday evening at 7:00 p.m. at Rainbow Planet Coffee House, 606 N. 4th Ave. 620-1770. No Cover

10:00 p.m., The Men's Relationship Group meets including a video on lantra. A great way to meet new men and make friends. Fee. Call Marc at 881-4562 to reserve a place.

**FRI-SAT-SUN., SEPTEMBER 19-20-21**

Cornerstone Fellowship is welcoming Pastor Chuck Breckenridge of Diversity Christian Fellowship, Tulsa, Oklahoma for a 3-day seminar. The weekend topic is "Understanding and Breaking Strongholds". Rev. Breckenridge is a singer, songwriter, musician and preacher. You're invited to come and celebrate with the Cornerstone Fellowship. Friday and Saturday at 7:00 p.m. and Sunday at 10:30 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. All services will be held at Cornerstone Fellowship, 2902 N. Geronimo. Call 622-4626 for directions and more information.

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20**

Salud Es Poder - The Latino Men's Health Project presents the Eighth Annual Miss Gay Hispanidad - Tucson Pageant. It takes place at the Inn Suites Hotel, 475 N. Granada Ave. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Dinner served from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. Opening ceremonies at 8:30 p.m. Donation Ticket \$15.00. Salud Es Poder is a project of SAAF in collaboration with the Pima County Health Department, COPE Behavioral Health Services and Wingspan. For more information call 628-7223.

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, SEPTEMBER 21**

3:30-6:00 p.m. The Men's Group Massage. A great way to meet new men and make friends. Fee. Call Marc at 881-4562 for information and to reserve a place.

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 22**

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

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24**

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

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 25**

Local Gay Musical Group - BMT - Curt Beall, Tom Maza and Rey Tester - performing tonight and every Thursday evening at 7:00 p.m. at Rainbow Planet Coffee House, 606 N. 4th Ave. 620-1770. No Cover

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27**

Memor Writing Workshop. Author Trebor Healey will be teaching a free workshop on fictional vs. non-fictional memoir writing. He will also focus on how to approach the process of expressing creatively

**Bar Calendar**  
Of Upcoming Events

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17**

IBTS - Special Memorial 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. for Mamma Reyna and Benefit Show for Mamma's burial at 8:00 p.m. Hosted by Lucinda Holliday. Starring Bunny FuFu, Diana Flair, Sache, Chantelle Douglas, Lady Ashley and Miss Saigon.

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20**

WOODY'S - Bears of the Old Pueblo Beer bust 3:00 to 7:00 p.m.

YARD DOG - Macho, Macho Men will have the opportunity to break out that costume you never thought you would use again. The Yard Dog is hosting its 2nd annual Village People Contest. Contestants can bring their own music and perform or have DJ Dan spin one of the Village People's hits for you to perform. Three cash prizes \$250 first prize, \$150 second prize and \$75 third place. Join in on the fun.

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21**

IBTS - Party line-up includes Troy's Recovery Bar from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. \$1.75 Bloody Marys, Screwdrivers or Mimosas. 3:00 p.m. to close. Sangria Party \$2.50. Karaoke Party with Michael D. on the patio from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m., Benelil Bar-B-Que / Beer Bust from 5:30 to 8:00 p.m. This weeks proceeds go to Wingspan. 8:30 p.m. it's a special Fundraising Show for Bunny FuFu and Veronica Halliwell, candidates for Miss Gay America. Show stars Angela Dodd, Chantelle Douglas, Sache, Miss Saigon and Lady Ashley.

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23**

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - Twister Tuesday - A Budweiser Promotion. \$2.00 Bottled Bud and Bud Light during the promo 9:00 to 10:30 p.m. Country Music 9:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. No Cover.

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24**

IBTS - The "Divalicious" Show hosted by Lucinda Holliday and starring Bunny FuFu, Faith Michaels and Tabatha Lovall.

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 25**

VENTURE-N - Steak nite 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. \$5.00. Your meat or theirs V-N provides the sides.

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28**

IBTS - "Bad Puppy.Com" Party. Give-aways and contests.

VENTURE-N - Back by popular demand - "Locker Room Party!" 9:00 p.m. to close. Massages by Jacob

the watershed moments of our lives; whether they are emotional, erotic, interpersonal or spiritual. Trebor is the author of the novel Through It Came Bright Colors and has taught writing workshops with Discovery Gay Men's Retreats, LYRIC (Lavender Youth Recreation and Information Center), and at the Grasshopper Palace in San Francisco. Sponsored by the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender Committee of the Tucson-Pima Public Library, Joeld, Valdez Main Library, Lower Level Meeting Room, 2:00 - 4:00 P.m.

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28**

Author Reading and Book Discussion with Reception. Authors Trebor Healey and Felice Picano will be reading from and discussing their latest works and offering a question and answer period. Mr. Healey is the author of Through It Came Bright Colors, and Mr. Picano's numerous novels and books include his recently reprinted memoir trilogy, Ambidextrous: The Secret Lives of Children; Men Who Loved Me; and A House on the Ocean, A House on the Bay, as well as the newly revised edition of The Joy of Gay Sex.

**Arts & Entertainment**

**SEPTEMBER 17 - 28**

**NOW SHOWING THRU SEPTEMBER 28**  
Live Theatre Workshop presents "Cash Flow" by D.B. Giles. A hilarious comedy about a publishing firm on the brink of financial ruin. The round table discussion between the top three executives centers around their ideas on how to save the company. The son of the former president, Elliott Gallagher (Cliff Madison) wants to bring in a questionable investor, the company treasurer Marty Blasingame (John McRostie), wants to file bankruptcy, and the veteran sales manager Casey McDermott (Bruce Bieszki) suggests they hire an arsonist (Tony Eckstat) to burn the building down. One glimmer of hope lies in the inventive educational program designed by the editorial chief Carolyn McNeil (Maria Fletcher). But where to get the money to develop it? Does the answer lie in corruption or destruction? A laugh out loud romp with a surprise ending. Show times are Thursday, Friday and Saturday at 7:30 p.m., Sunday matinee 3:00 p.m. only. Tickets range from \$14 - \$12. Call 327-4242 for reservations and information about 2003-2004 season ticket packets.

**NOW PLAYING THRU OCTOBER 4**

Arizona Theatre Company "The Stale Theatre", presents the world premiere of "Over The Moon" by Steven Dietz. A joyous explosion of blazing wit set in new York in the Roaring Twenties at the Temple of Music and Art, 330 S. Scott Ave. Tickets and Information call 622-2823.

**NOW PLAYING THRU OCTOBER 5**

The Invisible Theatre Season Opener "Having Our Say: The Delaney Sisters' First 100 Years." \$16 Preview Mon. 9/15 7:30 p.m. \$20 Tues., Weds., Thurs., Sun. 7:30 p.m. \$22 Fri., Sat., 8:00 p.m. And Sat & Sun. 2:00 p.m. For reservations call 882-9721 10am - 4pm. Invisible Theatre, 1400 N. First Avenue (at Drachman). Two unforgettable pioneering African-American sisters, 103-year-old Sadie and 101-year-old Bessie Delaney, take us on a remarkable journey through the 20th century of our nation's history. The play is an invitation to visit with the Delaney Sisters as they relive their memories of the past, their secrets of the present and their hopes for the future.

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17**

The Allman Brothers Band in concert at AVA Casino Del Sol. Show starts at 7:00 p.m. Gates open at 6:00 p.m. Tickets on sale now. TicketMaster 321-1000.

Borderlands Theater presents the world premiere of a new play, "Electricidad (An American Tragedy)", by Luis Alfaro at the Pima Community College Center for the Arts, Proscenium Theatre, 2202 W. Anklam Road. Set in a Tucson barrio, Electricidad is a Chicano take on Sophocles' Electra written in Spanglish. This heartbreaking and humorous saga explores the confines between love, murder, grief and revenge. A mother and a daughter square off against each other at all costs and change the course of their family and community forever. Thursdays-Fridays-Saturdays 7:30 p.m. Sundays 2:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. For reservations call (520)882-7406.

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20**

KIIM-FM Country Music Festival featuring Brooks and Dunn at Pima County Fairgrounds. Gates open at 3:00 p.m. All tickets \$25 in advance and \$35 day of show. Buy tickets at www.calproductions.com

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27**

Rennie Hams presents "Facing Mekka" as UA Presents Africa in America. A Heroic, innovative, and unforgettable performance. "An inspiring Vision of hip hop music and dance," says the L.A. Times. An epic journey through world cultures, its landscape composed of the movement and music of peoples across the globe., including rhythms and dances from every inhabited continent. 8:00 p.m. Centennial Hall on the UA Campus. Call 621-3341.

**OCTOBER 4 - NOVEMBER 9**

Live Theatre workshop presents N. Richard Nash's Tony Award Nominated play "The Rainmaker". Thursday, Friday and Saturday at 7:30 p.m. and Sundays at 3:00 p.m. only. Live Theatre Workshop, 5317 E. Speedway. Tickets range from \$14-\$12. Call 327-44242 for reservations.

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5**

Chris Le Doux "Cadillac Ranch"; "Trick Pony"; "Pour Me" and Emerson Drive "I Should Be Sleeping" appear on the stage tonight. Gates open at 6:00 p.m. with the show starting at 7:30 p.m. TicketMaster 321-1000

**Daily Bar Calendar**

**Sunday**  
AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - Open 2pm. Beer Bust 5-10, \$1.25 pitchers Bud or Bud Light. Latin Music with DJ Hill 9pm to close. Drink & Shot specials all night.  
IBTS - Open Noon \$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 "T.C. Wildman". 9-close. All drink specials not available during special events.  
NOVEMBER BAR & GRILL - Bar opens at 2pm. Bloody Marys \$2.00. Free pool all day.  
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. Pick-up Beach Volleyball games 5-7. \$2.50 sinton 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.  
IBTS - Open Noon. Happy Hours 11am-8pm. \$2 domestic beer and well. 4-9pm. "Theme Dance Nite" with Johnny DJ. All drink specials not available during special events.  
NOVEMBER BAR & GRILL - Open 2pm. Happy Hour 4-7pm. Free Pool 8pm to close.  
VENTURE-N - Open 8am. Patio 5pm. Daily specials til 7pm. 4-8 \$2.25 Martinis  
WOODY'S - Open Noon. \$2 well or domestic beer til 7pm. Karaoke w/Michael D. 9-1  
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 tourney 7:30pm. \$3 entry, bar matches pot. Country music 9pm to close \$2 bottled Bud products 6 to close.  
IBTS - Open Noon. Happy Hours 11am-8pm, \$2 domestic beer and well. 4-9pm. Bare Chest Nite. Bare it and get happy hour prices from 9 to close. Progressive/Retro '80s dance with DJ Q. 9 to close  
NOVEMBER BAR & GRILL - Bar Opens 2pm. Happy Hour 4-7pm. \$1 Kamakazi, Jellios.  
VENTURE-N - Open 8am. Patio 5pm. Daily specials til 7pm. Spaghetti Nite 6-8  
WOODY'S - Open Noon. \$2 well or domestic til 7pm. Bartender Calls til drink specials.  
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. Hip Hop or Dance w/DJ Shorty or Senne 9pm - close. \$1.25 pitchers of Bud/Bud Light or \$1 Tequila shots 8-1.  
IBTS - Open Noon. Happy Hours 11am-8pm, \$2 domestic beer and well. 9pm "Divalicious" 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 8am. Patio 5pm. Specials til 7pm.  
WOODY'S - Open Noon. \$2 well or domestic beer til 7pm. Free Hot Dog Buffet 5-11pm. Underwear-fetish-leather nite w/Gary and Chris along with GMHP. \$1 off any drink or bottled beer. (Excludes draft & schnapps) for all in leather or underwear.

**Thursday**  
AIN'T NOBODY'S BUSINESS - Open 2pm. Happy Hour 2-7pm with 2-4-1 domestic beer and well. Karaoke 9-close. \$2 Kamakazees and \$1 Hot Sex.  
IBTS - Open Noon. Happy Hours 11am-8pm. \$2 domestic beer and well. 4-9 HI NRG video dancing with Johnny DJ 9-1 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 5:30-8pm. \$6.99.  
VENTURE-N - Open 8am. 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 7pm. Free Pool 8 to close. Volleyball Court is Open. See bartender.

**Friday**  
AIN'T NOBODY'S BUSINESS - 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 Noon. Happy Hours 11am-8pm. \$2 domestic beer and well. Live Jazz on the patio with the Susan 6-9pm. Patio Bar 5-1pm. GOGO Boys and 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 & Pat 8pm-closing.  
VENTURE-N - Open 8am. Patio open 5pm. Daily special til 7pm. Happy Hour Buffet 5-7pm.  
WOODY'S - Open Noon \$2 well or domestic beer til 7pm. Martini Party - Well Martinis \$3 from 4-8pm. Call Martinis \$3 from 4-8pm. Complimentary Shrimp Cocktail 4-8pm. 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 BUSINESS - 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.  
IBTS - 10am-5pm \$4 Martinis and Daquans 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 noon-1am Grill open 1-7pm. Margaritas \$3.69m-close. Latino Nite. Dancing w/Dr. Carlos. Free SAAF HIV testing.  
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 7pm. Patio Bar opens 5pm. 5-9pm Steak or Mahi Mahi 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**

**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 85740-6264. 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.

**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.

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**ATTENTION ALL NUDISTS - Tucson Tantrix** 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 Tantrix, P.O. Box 84-C, Cortaro, AZ 85632.

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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 of visit our website at www.btop.com All are welcome to our general meeting/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 8:43 to 9:45 p.m. at Lambda Center, 2940 E. Thomas, Phoenix. Ellie 581-8830 or Ronn 968-2384.

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

**CRONIES SOCIAL GROUP.** A Social group for Gay men who enjoy the fellowship of their peers. Call Leo at 624-6768.

**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 819-7298.

**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 579-9827 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. Want to join? E-mail: www.desertvoices.org or call 791-9662.

Join the **LESBIAN & GAY PUBLIC AWARENESS PROJECT.** In Tucson write Awareness Project, 3661 N. Campbell Ave. #165, Tucson, AZ 85719.

AA Meeting with HIV/AIDS focus, Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m., Wingspan Annex, 719 N. 4th Ave. All alcoholics welcome.

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**NOTICES**

**MENS 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 600-9565 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 judgment or proselytizing - we are here to be of service. For information call Scott at 299-6647.

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

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

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

**COMMUNITY BUSINESS ASSOCIATION (CBA),** Tucson's Gay and Lesbian business networking group holds regular meetings the third Thursday of every month. Call 615-6436 for more info.

**TUCSON PRIDE, INC.** (Formerly Tucson Lesbian and Gay Alliance - TLGA) meets on the second Tuesday at 843 S. Craycroft Road at 6pm. Tucson 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 TPJ 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.

**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 791-7676.

**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.

**AZdikes** is a new email list for Lesbians living in Arizona. For information mail tyann@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 KXCI.

**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 \$88-\$100 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. Dezzet Girls (MTF) Meets 2nd Monday at 7pm. Dezzet Boys meets 3rd Tuesday at 7pm. of every month. All meetings take place at Wingspan, 300 E. 6th St. Call 624-1779 for more info. SAGAEmail@aol.com http://members.aol.com/sagagmail

**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, 6513 N. 14th St., #112, Phoenix, AZ 85014 or call 602-279-4805.

**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).

**NOTICES**

**HALLELUJAH RECOVERY DRUG & ALCOHOL 12-STEP.** Every Thursday 5:30-6:30pm at Cornerstone Fellowship, 2902 N. Geronimo 622-4626.

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

**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.

**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. Fidelix 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.

**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 MENS CHORUS** rehearses Tuesdays 7-10pm at MCC Church, 3269 N. Mountain. Have any history/experience singing? Join us! Call 617-3100 for more info.

**TGN Arizona:** The central source for news and information for, by and about the TS, TG, and Gender-varient communities of Arizona. Website URL: http://www.tgnarizona.org

**"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

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

**THE MAN TO MAN** Social/erotic education club is the tantric men's group that offers passionate friendships, fun activities and sex education. Marc 881-4582

**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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**Desert Voices Update**

Desert Voices is Tucson's LBTG/SATB chorus, mixing up men and women, Gays and straights, creams and nougats, all to sing and make beautiful music together. This chorus of fine folks has been around for 15 seasons here in Tucson, putting on shows that speak to the heart of the community. With shows that are hilariously funny and touchingly poignant, Desert Voices puts words and music to our everyday lives.

What makes Desert Voices and their members unique is that they are men and women who want to sing with men and women. There is something very beautiful in the combination of the high octaves mixed with the low octaves. And there is also something very special about singing together, that helps us grow and understand one another.

The chorus has started formal rehearsals and new singers are welcome to join through Monday, September 29. Rehearsals are held every Monday at MCC Water of Life Church, 3269 N. Mountain Ave., (just North of Fort Lowell). All singers are needed are welcome. Please visit our Web site, desertvoices.org, or call our office, (520) 791-9662, for more information.

The upcoming season promises to be very special. The chorus will be presenting a Holiday concert, December 6 and 8, centered on the Holidays we all remember as children. But wait! Some of those children were more Gay than happy! And those are the kids we are singing about. For all the little girls who never got that catcher's mitt and the boys still longing for an E-Z Bake Over, we are looking at the Holidays in a different light.

And on April 3, 2004, Desert Voices will present their second concert of the season, currently with a "working" theme of "Growing Up Gay in America", a topic that is changing as we live. Mixed in between will be a few community performances (last year we sang at the AIDS Vigil, in May, at Himmel Park, and at IBM, for their Annual Diversity Event in June). The chorus will start their season by singing at OUToberFEST on October 11 at the DeMeester Center in Reid Park. Come see what all the fun is about!

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