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EDITORIAL

'Then There Were Four'

Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender (GLBT) Arizonans had high hopes going into the Tuesday, September 10 primary election, with eleven openly Gay candidates on the ballot, seeking their party's nomination for political office, making history by their sheer numbers but after the votes were tallied, it was indeed a different picture - a potentially ugly portrait.

Many moderates, especially those incumbents in GOP primaries were defeated, thanks to a low overall turnout and a concentrated effort by the religious right in key races. On the Democratic side, several incumbents faced off against each other in primaries for the Arizona Legislature because of redistricting, resulting in some key supporters being ousted.

The eleven Gay candidates had a mixed bag of results:

Congressman Jim Kolbe won the GOP primary for Congressional District 8 again, and will face Deputy Pima County Attorney Mary Judge Ryan, the Democratic nominee, and Joe Duarte, the Libertarian candidate, in the general election.

State Representative Ken Cheuvront, D-Phoenix, won a hard fought battle against Kathryn Mitchell, for the Democratic nomination for the state Senate seat from the new Legislative District 15. Cheuvront takes the post since none of the other parties fielded a general election candidate.

Jack Jackson Jr., came in second in the Democratic primary for the state House of Representatives from the new Legislative District 2. Since there is no general election opposition, Jackson Jr. becomes the first openly Gay, Native American elected.

Robert Meza won his Democratic primary for the Arizona House in the new Legislative District 14, and will face one, possibly two Republican opponents, a father and son, in the general election, pending the count of the write-in ballots.

Wally Straughn, Sam Wercinski and incumbent state Representative Ed Poelstra of Tucson, didn't face primary opposition and moved on to the general election.

Jesse George, Thom Von Hapsburg and Peter Moraga didn't fare as well, losing in their primary bids for the Arizona House, which leaves the last individual to note.

State Representative Steve May of Paradise Valley, the chair of the state House Ways and Means Committee, the individual who successfully led the fight to repeal Arizona's archaic laws and to protect local government's right to extend medical and dental benefits to the same-sex domestic partners of their employees, lost his primary contest by just 58 votes, a big blow for GLBT Arizonans who took the time to vote in this election.

May's outcome shows the importance of voting. If only 59 more people had either voted early, or just gone to the polls and cast a ballot, the portrait of our future would be better than it is. The inaction of GLBT Arizonans registered to vote but didn't bother and to the religious right, registered to vote and who did bother caused this crucial change.

There are less than two months to go before the general election, Tuesday, November 5, and GLBT Arizonans can not afford to continue to sit on their proverbial bar stools and do nothing! Action is needed and needed now!

There are only two openly Gay individuals elected to the Arizona Legislature, and there are four candidates who face a general election campaign. The possible use of anti Gay literature and hate tactics can be expected. This was the case for Von Hapsburg in his bid, with dog excrement being smeared on his front door and porch of his house; campaign signs destroyed; and, repeated acts of vandalism committed on his car and truck, just because he was an openly Gay candidate.

It's very hard to believe that any GLBT Arizonan is not registered to vote, especially with all that has happened in this state. If that your unfortunate case, get registered to vote now! For more information, in Pima County, call the County Recorder's office, (520) 740-4350. Persons can call the Arizona Secretary of State's office, toll free, (877) 843-8683 or call their County Recorder's office for more information:

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The deadline to register for the

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G/L Rights Victory Angers Miami Conservatives

MIAMI, FL - Voters rejected a repeal of Miami's G/L rights law by a 6 point margin, but opponents of the law are not ready to give up.

A full day after Floridians went to the polls, Miami-Dade County's Gay community can officially declare victory. With 97 percent of county precincts reporting, the effort to repeal the county's 1998 anti-discrimination ordinance has failed by a six point margin, 53 percent to 47 percent.

The co-chairman of Take Back Miami Dade, Nathaniel Wilcox, told the Miami Herald that the result was "a travesty," and pledged to keep working to repeal the law. "Whatever happens, if push comes to shove, we're going to start gathering signatures again," said Wilcox. "Just because we were not successful this time around, we're not giving up. We will not be slighted. We are not discouraged. We are emboldened."

Wilcox's colleague, Eladio Jose Armesto, went further, telling the South Florida Sun Sentinel, that officials at the county Department of Elections may have manipulated the vote. "The computerized vote counting program may have been rigged, especially in light of the fact that Supervisor of Elections David Leahy refused for these programs to be independently audited and checked," Armesto told the Sun-Sentinel. According to 365Gay.com, Armesto also suggested that his group may ask for a recount.

Certainly, both sides agree that the election was a logistical fiasco. Expensive new computerized voting machines failed. Some polling stations opened late, and others shut down early. According to the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (news - web sites) (NGLTF), voters complained that they were now permitted to vote on any ballot measure. Others reported NO votes being recorded as YES votes.

But the Gay rights activists at Save Dade and NGLTF believe the problems prevented a much larger victory. Local polls in the week before the election indicated the repeal effort could lose by a 60-40 vote.

GLBT Community Remembers Sept. 11 Across The Country

SAN FRANCISCO, CA - Services in both Los Angeles and New York are remembering the first anniversary of the Sept. 11 attacks with memories of lost GLBT community members, and a renewed focus on the fight against hate.

On September 10th, The Los Angeles Gay & Lesbian Center co-hosted a memorial gathering with L.A. City Councilman Eric Garcetti to honor those lost in the attacks and to focus on healing and uniting the Los Angeles area community, reported the Gay.com/PlanetOut.com network.

The gathering made special mention of Dan Brandhorst and Ron Gamboa, who along with their adopted 3-year-old son were passengers on United flight 175, one of the two planes that crashed into the World Trade Center. The three were returning to their home in Los Angeles after their annual trip to Family Week in Provincetown. Brandhorst and Gamboa were founding members of the Pop Luck Club, an L.A. organization for Gay men interested in adopting children.

Last year right after the attack, Garcetti asked the City Council to adjourn a meeting in honor of the Brandhorst-Gamboas. He spoke of their support of Gay family organizations, but pointed out that remembering them had another purpose.

"I also wanted to honor Dan and Ron because in the aftermath of September 11th, we weren't initially hearing about the GLBT community members who lost their lives," Garcetti said. "We weren't hearing about their survivors who didn't have the same legal right to inheritance or compensation."

Roger Coggan, the Center's director of legal services and public policy, talked about Sept. 11 in terms of hate crimes, and how even a year after the attacks, the recent Sept. 1 beating of West Hollywood resident Trev Broudy shows that Gay men are a target based solely on their sexual orientation.

"The attack that left Trev in critical condition was a terrorist act against the entire LGBT community, just as the attack that killed thousands of Americans was a terrorist act against the entire United States," Coggan said. "We will stop hate crimes and terrorist acts against individuals only when we replace hate among communities with mutual respect and understanding."

On September 13, New York's Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual & Transgender Community Center is holding a commemorative memorial service entitled "An Evening of Recovery, Reflection and Community Wellness: Remembering the Events of September 11, 2001."

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UPDATE

Sixth Annual 'Turnabout' For TIHAN Sept. 29

TUCSON - Employees from Tucson's LGBT are getting ready to put on "Entertaining Our Troops," the sixth annual Turnabout for TIHAN, September 29, 7:00 p.m., at the Inn Suites Hotel.

Proceeds from this event go to help TIHAN, the Tucson Interfaith HIV/AIDS Network, and their programs to help those living with HIV/AIDS and AIDS awareness programs.. In 2001, this event raised more than $13,000, making it the second biggest event for TIHAN for the year.

For this year's show, the theme, according to organizers, is fitting for our times, "Entertaining Our Troops," and will be hosted by Miss Gilda Fatale, a former Miss Gay Arizona. Songs from by gone days plus modern hits will be featured on a stage with a red-white and blue theme, produced by M*A*Velous Productions, Tim "Vanna" Barth, Marc Brunelle and Scott Seitzberg.

Tickets are $12.50 in advance, $15 at the door for a wonderful evening of fun and entertainment for the sixth annual Turnabout For more information, or tickets, call the TIHAN office, (520) 299-6647, or your favorite bartender.

OUToberFEST Volunteers Needed

TUCSON - OUToberFEST 2002 is right around the corner - October 12, 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Please consider volunteering for a couple of hours for Tucson Pride (formerly Tucson Lesbian & Gay Alliance), to help make this another fabulous Pride event for Tucson.

This year, volunteers can designate donations, at $8.00 per hour for volunteer hour worked, to the local charity of their choice - Tucson Pride will track your hours and send the donation to your requested charity. The 2002 event will feature two stages of entertainment all day long. Location remains the Reid Park bandshell area - and our main gate will be located on the south side of the fenced area. Admission remains a suggested donation of $5.00.

Possible assignments include: gate help (counting people, checking bags, line control); stage hands; beer ticket sales; staffing the volunteer/first aid booth. Tucson Pride especially need volunteers to staff the First Aid booth. To volunteer, please contact this year's volunteer coordinator, Nancy Robinett, to sign up: Phone (520) 670-9500, or Nancy.Robinett@azbar.org or contact Tucson Pride through the website at: www.tucsonpride.com.

Lesbian Support Group Has New Meeting Time

TUCSON - The Lesbian Support Group has a new meeting time starting in October.

Prior to the change to that first meeting, the group will hold a potluck Sunday, September 29, 4:00 p.m.. It is an opportunity for old members to meet new members. Please bring something simple or something special to eat or drink. We'll have a huge back yard, good music, great games, and good conversation.

For more information, please call Dorian Easty, the facilitator, (520) 882-7723.

HIP/AZ Campaign Launched

TUCSON - On September 9, 2002 between 7:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m., virtually every television station in Tucson and Phoenix aired a :30-second public service announcement on the issue of HIV/AIDS. The PSA, goal is to lessen the stigma attached to being HIV positive by modeling warm, loving responses by family members of people at risk for HIV/AIDS.

This is an unprecedented statewide effort to address a critical public health issue in an innovative manner. The media campaign, which will also include radio, posters, billboards and a website, is just one aspect of this five year project. One of the ads appears in this week's issue of Observer.

But the approach is unprecedented as well. Rather than utilizing a variation on the "safe sex" message that has been used for two decades, HIP/AZ (HIV Intervention and Prevention/Arizona) is focusing on people who may already be HIV positive but who have not yet been tested. Through materials targeted quite specifically at the most at-risk populations, the message will be: if you're at risk, get tested. Get services.

The fundamental concept is to stop the spread of HIV/AIDS where it begins, by making people aware of their status, getting them into treatment, and encouraging them -- if they test positive -- to stop the spread.

The project is a statewide collaboration among the Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation, Body Positive (Phoenix), Yavapai County Health Department and Navajo AIDS Network.

AGRA Donates Rodeo Proceeds To Charities

By Ric Leone

PHOENIX - On Sunday September 8, at the Arizona Gay Rodeo Association (A.G.R.A.) meeting, seven charities were chosen to receive donations from A.G.R.A. The money is from remaining proceeds from the very successful 2002 RoadRunner Regional Rodeo, held last January at Rawhide. All the charitable organizations are 501c3 charities.

A total of $15,000 donated to the charities. The seven charities and the amounts each received were as follows: The ASPCA received $728.57; AGAPE, an AIDS patient feeding program received $1,114.28, The Community Church of Hope received $1,542.85; Tucson's TIHAN organization which is a AIDS support organization, including a feeding program received $1,628.57; Joshua Tree, the Phoenix based AIDS patient feeding program received $1,757.14; PFLAG, Parents & Friends of Lesbians and Gays, received $3,214.27; The Melonhead Foundation, who helps families whose children have contracted with Leukemia, received $5014.32. Except for the ASCPA, spokespersons from each organization were present and addressed the membership, giving a brief overview of their organization and how A.G.R.A. contributions benefit their causes.

The members of A.G.R.A. are proud to be able to help all of these worthy organizations. Since holding their first Road Runner Regional Rodeo in 1986, the total amount of contributions given by A.G.R.A to other 501c3 charitable organizations is approximately $342,000.00. The above charitable organizations will be presented with checks at the October 20, 2002 membership meeting. A.G.R.A. would like to thank the entire community who supported the 2002 RoadRunner Regional Rodeo for without you we wouldn't have these funds to donate to such other worthy charitable organizations.

The planning of the 2003 Road Runner Regional Rodeo is well underway. Co-Rodeo Directors Bob Pimentel and John Franks have been working with their Rodeo Committee which includes AGRA President Glen May, Vice President Patrick Lose, Corresponding Secretary Ric Leone, Treasurer Max Sutherland, Rodeo Events Director Will Lann, Newsletter Publisher Jon O'Dowd, Richard Tally, John King, Linda Hoffman, Alan Tomalavage, Ron Lindblad, Gary Rushton, Dan Iversen, Tom Ziegler & Scott Perkins. The 2003 Road Runner Regional Rodeo will be held for the 2nd year at Rawhide, Wild West Town in Scottsdale January 17-19, 2003. So reserve that weekend for one of the best times you will have in 2003.

For membership info and any other A.G.R.A. info log onto www.agra-phx.com or call (602) 265-8166.

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Wingspan Annual Dinner, Saturday, September 21

By Mark R. Kerr

TUCSON (ON) - On Saturday, September 21, Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender (GLBT) and straight supportive people will gather at the Tucson Convention Center for the annual Wingspan Dinner.

Proceeds from this event go to Wingspan, main location at 300 East Sixth Street, helping the organization with its programs and services.

"The long-term viability of the Community Center is important to Tucson and Southern Arizona. The Center provides programs and services for our community that otherwise would not be available, such as the Youth Program, Domestic Violence Support, Informational and Referral Services, Tucson LGBT Film Festival, and education and outreach,"said Kent Burbank, executive director of Wingspan.

There is more than just some programs though. "Moreover, the Center provides a physical space for many grassroots GLBT groups to meet, groups that might otherwise not be able to afford meeting space or whose members might feel uncomfortable meeting in straight spaces," Burbank added, citing its new annex they opened this year on Fourth Avenue, as a meeting space for these groups.

Wingspan's Center, he went on to say, is a visible manifestation to the wider Tucson community of the strength and cohesion of the GLBT community, and its long term viability depends on GLBT Tucsonans ability to generate and sustain strong support.

Burbank stated that they are anticipating raising $50,000 from the event, which goes to its annual budget, running nearly $500,000. He went on to state that private foundations and government grants total about $280,000 and they must raise funds through such events as the Dinner to cover the remaining $220,000 of the annual budget.

This year's event, according to organizers, will be an enjoyable, interesting, educational and entertaining event, and will honor three people for their accomplishments and contributions to the betterment of the lives of GLBT Tucsonans:

Bob Ellis, the Editor and Publisher of The Observer, who is receiving the Godat Award for a lifetime of contributions to Tucson and Southern Arizona's GLBT population.

Jim Sincox, a Tucson psychologist, who is receiving the Steve Hall Award for advancing the mission, values and work of Wingspan.

Former Tucson Mayor, George Miller, who is receiving Community Ally Award for his key role in the formation of the City of Tucson GLBT Task Force (now GLBT Commission).

Many GLBT organizations and businesses will be present, coming together, showing collaboration in order to further the goals of GLBT Tucsonans, something the local and state elected officials and candidates presents will notice, a strong, unified and organized group.

Burbank said that they have 750 people confirmed for the event, so tickets are going fast. People can still get a ticket by calling (520) 624-1779, or stopping by the Wingspan main office on Sixth Street, or going online at wingspanaz.org. Ticket sales will go on until 5:00 p.m., Friday, September 20.

e-mail HUMOR

Subject: Driving In Tucson

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7. La Cholla Road can only be pronounced by a native.

8. Construction on I-10, River Rd, and near the University of Arizona is a way of life and a permanent form of entertainment and employment for many.

9. All unexplained sights are explained by the phrase, "Oh we must be in Tucson!!!".

10. If someone actually has their turn signal on,, it is probably a factory defect.

11. All old ladies with blue hair in pink Cadillacs have total right-of-way.

12. The minimum acceptable speed on I-10 is 85. Anything less is considered downright sissy.

13. The wrought iron on windows in South Tucson is not ornamental.

14. Never stare at the driver of the car with the bumper sticker that says, "Keep honking, I'm reloading." They mean it.

15. If you are in the left lane, and only going 70 in a 60-mph zone people are not waving when they go by.

16. Sunrise, Skyline, and Ina are our daily version of NASCAR.

17. If it's 100 degrees, Thanksgiving must be next weekend.

[ED NOTE: Thanks to Mark D. from Sydney, Australia for this one. Mark was a Tucsonan for many years.]

Workplace Still Unsafe for American Gays and Lesbians

NEW YORK, NY (GFN) - Nearly two out of five Gay and Lesbian adults in America's workplaces report facing some form of hostility or harassment on the job, according to a new national study.

Moreover, the online survey commissioned by Out & Equal Workplace Advocates, a nonprofit that provides support and advocacy for the Gay community in the workplace, showed almost one out of every ten Gay or Lesbian adults also state they were fired or dismissed unfairly from a previous job, or pressured to quit a job because of their sexual orientation.

"Even though fairness and protections for Gays and Lesbians in corporate America are increasing, attitudes are obviously not catching up as fast," said Wesley Combs, president of Witeck-Combs Communications, who conducted the survey.

The survey's data, said Combs, is being released at a pivotal moment-in the rights of Gay people nationwide, especially Florida.

Recently, the Orlando City Council has been grappling with their plan to pass a civil rights law that would add sexual orientation to the list of protected classes, making it illegal to deny jobs or promotions, housing or service in public accommodations such as hotels and restaurants to someone because he or she is Gay or Lesbian.

In addition, anti-Gay conservatives unsuccessfully tried to convince Miami-Dade County voters to repeal a 1998 ordinance banning discrimination based on sexual orientation earlier this week.

When over 2,000 Americans were asked which groups of people in society they perceive experience discrimination in the workplace, such as being fired, harassed or denied a promotion, almost 73 percent answered "Gays and Lesbians" - the second highest survey response, just behind 'older adults aged 65 and older' (78 percent).

Other groups mentioned as vulnerable to workplace discrimination included:

People with disabilities – 68 percent

Women – 65 percent

African Americans – 61 percent

Hispanic Americans – 60 percent

Asian Americans – 44 percent

Jews – 39 percent

In juxtaposition to the survey's results that showed continued negative treatment of some Gay workers, the survey also showed Americans across-the-board showed significant support for fair treatment of Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender, or GLBT, people in the workplace.

Over 77 percent of all Americans sampled said that sexual orientation should not be a factor when evaluating an employee's job performance. Sixty-four percent also said all employees, regardless of sexual orientation, should be entitled to equal benefits on the job, such as health insurance for their partners or spouses.

This favorable snapshot, according the survey, still contrasts starkly with actual workplace climate where many GLBT adults experience persistent discrimination and feel they must conceal ordinary details about their personal lives from co-workers.

Almost one out of every four GLBT respondents state they were harassed on the job by co-workers, while 12 percent state they were denied promotions or job advancement because of their sexual orientation.

Recognizing that in 38 states it is entirely legal to fire an employee because of their real or perceived sexual orientation, it may not be surprising that 9 percent of GLBT individuals surveyed report they were fired or dismissed unfairly, while 8 percent say they were pressured to quit a job because of harassment or hostility against them in their workplace.

"Corporations need to understand that having policies that include equal benefits for Gays and Lesbians may not be implemented fairly or even be in synch with the corporate culture," said Wesley Combs.

When asked how comfortable they would be to display a photo of a same-sex spouse, partner or significant other, about one in four were very or extremely comfortable as compared to almost half of heterosexuals.

While half of heterosexual adults would feel very or extremely comfortable introducing their spouse, partner or significant others to their boss or management, only one-third of GLBT adults do the same.

"With GLBT employees continuing to face harassment, hostility and discrimination, it's important for all of us in corporate America to work together to make workplaces safe and equitable for everyone," Out & Equal Executive Director Selisse Berry.

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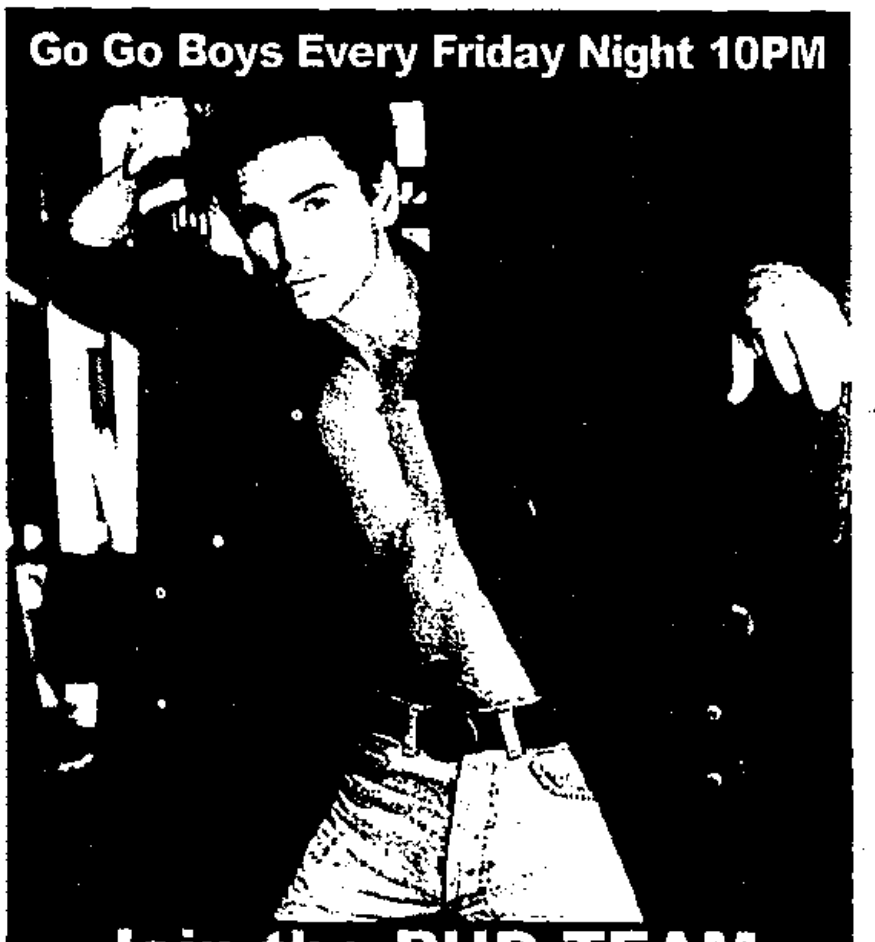

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'Fifty-Eight Votes'

When a candidate, an incumbent, loses a bid for another term for a political office they've held, it is usually the custom for a political writer to write an "obituary" about the individual, noting their accomplishments or failures, highlighting their political career and then forgetting about them after the item has been filed.

This isn't the case for openly Gay state Representative Steve May, R-Paradise Valley, who lost his bid for another term in the Arizona House by fifty-eight votes in the Tuesday, September 10 primary election.

Did May lose because of: low voter turnout; being outspent by his opponents; an anti Gay hate campaign by the religious right, who put "Vote Gay" stickers on his signs; taking the election for granted as a sure thing - a sign of sure trouble; or, none of the above? That question may never be answered but one has: Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender (GLBT) Arizonans have lost its best voice in the state legislature.

For this reporter, it was back in 1998 during the battle of whether local governments should be able to extend medical and dental benefits to the same-sex domestic partners of their employees.

Karen Johnson, the Republican state Representative from Mesa, an anti Gay Mormon, was trying to get legislation enacted prohibiting governments from doing such. Johnson had just finished testifying, citing erroneous material from rabid anti Gay groups, such as Gay men dying from "Gay Bowel Disease" at the age of 42; mentioning that they use Gerbils as sexual toys and other such bile, placed in the public record, wasting taxpayers' dollars. It was Steve May, incensed after listening to Johnson blather on, went to the Committee hearing room and testifying, showing what nonsense Johnson's remarks where and being thrust into the national spotlight because of this bill.

May worked to get the bill defeated but resulting from his dynamic testimony, was an inquiry into May by the Army Reserves because of his remarks. After leaving the service, with an honorable discharge several years prior, May was called back into the Army Reserves during the Kosovo Crisis. He had long been out and was still called back to duty, serving with distinction but the confrontation with Johnson, that paragon of virtue in marriage - a five time loser at the altar, gave him his next battle, over "Don't Ask, Don't Tell," for which he fought for more than a year, resulting in another honorable discharge.

During all this, running the family business, fighting the Army and the radical right in the state legislature - getting the rules changed so legislation could have an easier passage through the process, May was able to help get legislation passed to expand protections in the state's domestic violence law to cover same-sex couples, and to repeal Arizona's 100-year-old, seldom enforced archaic laws, kept on the books to discriminate against GLBT Arizonans, naming a couple of his many, major successes.

Redistricting was the next battle for May, being put into a Legislative District with two other incumbents in 2002, but this was a battle he didn't win, but came close, if only 59 people had just gone to the polls.

Is May's political career over with? Far from it, according to many observers.

So this is just a hiatus for Steve, and an important point in time for GLBT Arizonans, who must now act, by getting involved with the other Gay candidates running, as well as pro-GLBT candidates to make sure that the gains made, with the help of Steve May, continue.

This reporter has had more than the usual relationship that exists between press and an elected official with state Representative Steve May. Being there to witness and write about the battle over domestic partner's benefits, fighting "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" and repealing Arizona's archaic laws, naming three of the many.

It's been a heck of a ride so far and thank you Steve for allowing this reporter to be a part of it, something this reporter won't forget and is grateful, as GLBT Arizonans are and look forward to his return in his next political chapter.

Editorial

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2002 general election is October 7.

Can we change the outcome of the portrait that was drawn on September 10? Most definitely! The Republican statewide ticket consists of ultra-conservative homophobes, which many moderates in the party have publicly disavowed these extremists and many of which will either stay home and not vote, or vote for other candidates running against them. We must get involved in the process - volunteering to help the remaining four candidates and most importantly, going to the polls and voting - early or on November 5.

To contact Sam Wercinski's campaign, go online to www.sam4az.com, or call (602) 228-4497. Wally Straughn's campaign can be reached at (602) 864-6092 or online at www.wallystraughn.com. Call (602) 803-4115 for Robert Meza's campaign headquarters. State Representative Ed Poelstra can be reached at Poelstra-2002@aol.com or calling (520) 318-9097.

Community Remembers

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"As a community that has historically faced traumatic experiences in isolation, it is essential for us to come together for our healing," said Eleanor Nealy, director of the Center's mental health and social services department. "Healing happens in community, where we feel free to bring our whole selves."

VOTE
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To Tip, Or Not To Tip, That Is The Question

Gratuity Do's And Don'ts

NEW YORK, NY (GFN) - There comes a time, perhaps shortly after college, when you're finally on your own and the properly socialized Gay boy (or girl) calls his mom in a panic and asks the question he has longed to ask since discovering the difference between "fine dining" and "grabbing a bite" – how much do I tip?

And what about the maitre 'd? And how about the wine steward, excuse me, sommelier, for heaven's sake?!

The questions surrounding tipping become even more vexing as an ever-growing parade of people offer their varied services every time we travel.

Since Lesbian and Gay travelers are seven times more likely than the average consumer to take six or more flights in one year and are twice as likely to spend more than $5,000 on one trip, according to the latest travel marketing surveys, the issue of when and how much to tip comes up with alarming regularity.

Understanding that not all of us have the good fortune to have a mother worldly enough to understand how much to tip the concierge at a hotel ($5-$10 on average), gfn.com offers this handy guide for the GLBT traveler who desires to gracefully tread the line between looking like a cheapskate by tipping too little and being a sucker for tipping too much.

The dollar amounts may seem relatively small taken individually, but tipping clearly adds up: taxpayers reported $14 billion in tip income to the Internal Revenue Service in 2000. And that's just what they reported. This is not to say, or imply, that the people who offer these services are getting rich. And as disco-sage Donna Sommer once wisely observed: they work hard for their money.

Unfortunately for underappreciated chambermaids, skycaps and waitresses, there seems to be no definitive authority on what constitutes a fair tip and who is entitled to one. Although every Starbucks appears to offer a tip jar, is it really necessary to tip the people who hand us our coffee? Is that really service? We think not.

Most of us have come to accept established minimums such as 15 percent for wait-staff in a restaurant and a minimum of $1 for a range of services that involve handling bags or cars. Beyond that, the calculations become a bit fuzzier.

One of the simplest, yet most comprehensive guides I've found for tipping can be found right on the Web at Tipping.org.

The Web site was launched in 1997 by Manny Gonzalez, a 35-year-old network analyst from New York. When he couldn't find an authoritative guide to tipping, he decided to write one himself.

"I gathered a lot of the information myself by simply asking people in those particular jobs for their opinions," Mr. Gonzalez told The New York Times. "I then added my own opinion to the mix and came up with an average."

Unfortunately, since Mr. Gonzalez is a New Yorker, his information is skewed toward New York City sensibilities and prices – though his list of standard tips has been adjusted to apply beyond the Big Expensive Apple and even offers an international tipping guide.

Here are a few tips from Tipping.org:

Airport: Besides the $1 or more per bag, they recommend $3 to $5 for a wheelchair, unless the person goes out of their way or the trip is unusually long; in that case be more generous.

Buffett Style Restaurant: 5 percent to 10 percent of the total bill is suggested. This depends heavily on exactly how much work is done by the waitstaff. In some restaurants, the waitstaff does very little, so tip accordingly.

Casinos: Blackjack Dealer - $5 Check (or more) per session. Also it is common to place a bet beside yours for the dealer. This side bet can be as large as 10 percent of your bet but usually is a $1 check.

Casino Drink Waiter/Waitress: $1 Check (or more) per drink.

If you hit a Jackpot: It has been suggested that 10 percent of the winnings is great but 5 percent is good. I guess this depends if you are at a table game or any game with a dealer. If you win at a slot machine, tip the machine attendant 1 percent to 2 percent.

Dance Club DJ: The general rule of thumb is a dollar to hear a song. If the person wants it immediately, (if not sooner), the general rule is from $5–$10.

Food Delivery Service: Not to be confused with a regular delivery person such as for Pizza or Chinese food ($1–$3 depending on the distance). This is for people who deliver food for a restaurant and usually deliver large orders such as entire meals. A tip of 15 percent to 20 percent is suggested depending on the size of the order and the distance traveled.

Hotel: Chambermaid - $5 a night minimum; more if long stays (over a week) – consider $7 to $9 a night. Bellhop - $10 for bringing you to your room with luggage; $5 dollars for opening and showing the room. Lobby Attendant - None for opening door or calling taxi from stand; $1 or more for help with luggage or finding a taxi on the street.

Parking Garage Attendant: One dollar. However, if attendant helps with luggage/packages $5 is customary. If attendant has to go a great distance to get your car $2 or more is suggested.

Motor Coach Operator and Tour Guide(s) (extended tours): Driver – $1 to $2 per person per day; Tour Guide – $1 to $2 per person per day.

Tour Guide/Bus Driver (day trips only): Guide/Driver should get $10-15 percent of the tour cost.

Finally, we end with Restaurants since the issue of tipping where we dine stirs up the most debate:

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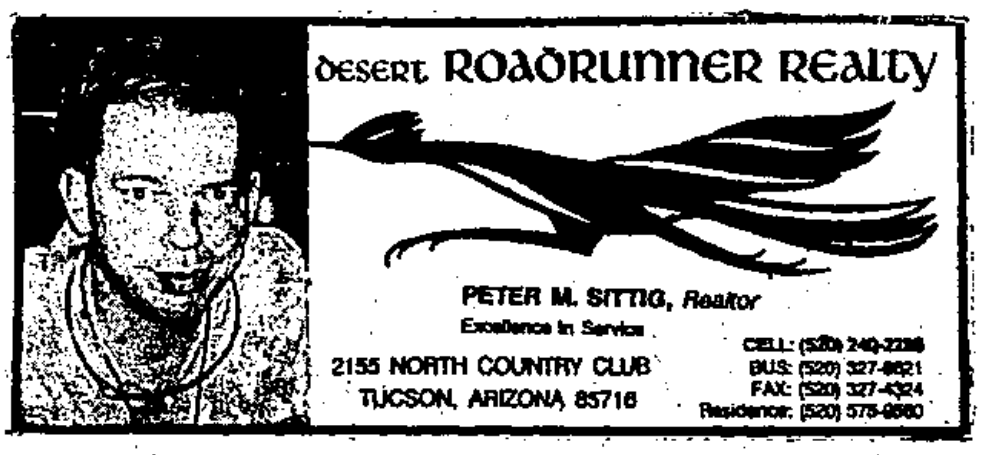


WHAT MAKES OUR TOWN TICK?

(calabazamusic@yahoo.com) By Jerry D.

'A Summer For The Ages'

Its surely been a summer that our future generations will look back at in wonder. No matter where you are from or what your living is comprised of, you will one day look back and reflect on how you made it to the fall. There was not a dull moment in the tapestry that was woven by the events and experiences in the heat of the summer months. The city was witness to so many events and it showed its true colors in every possible way. The melting pot we so often speak of was tested in the biggest fire. In the end, what made us stron ger and closer together was melted together by the things we feared and situations we dreaded.

We were all in unison, faced against a killer we knew could strike any one of us. We became more communal and decided that if this killer was to attempt to come to our neighborhood, we would be ready to take him on in full force. Paranoia of course sometimes masked fear, as the far taking of any community was to make anyone who fitted a profile a target for extremists dead set on ending the violence. As a whole though, we showed unity through pride as well as conviction that we will not be brought to our knees by someone so hell bent on changing our way of life. Patriotism was given a more complex face and we all were thankful for our way of life even more.

Sadly though, as together as we were, we were just as apart. Differences in our ways made for a larger gap in the communities. Our schools were faced with challenges that no educator could have ever dreamed of. We looked to the ones that we should be learning from, and challenged them to show us why we allow them to be in that position. We saw the leaders of our faith challenged in ways we did not expect them to deal with. Ways of life we did not know where out there, suddenly were in the forefront of our vision of community. Some of us learned and adapted, some just resisted and sadly always will.

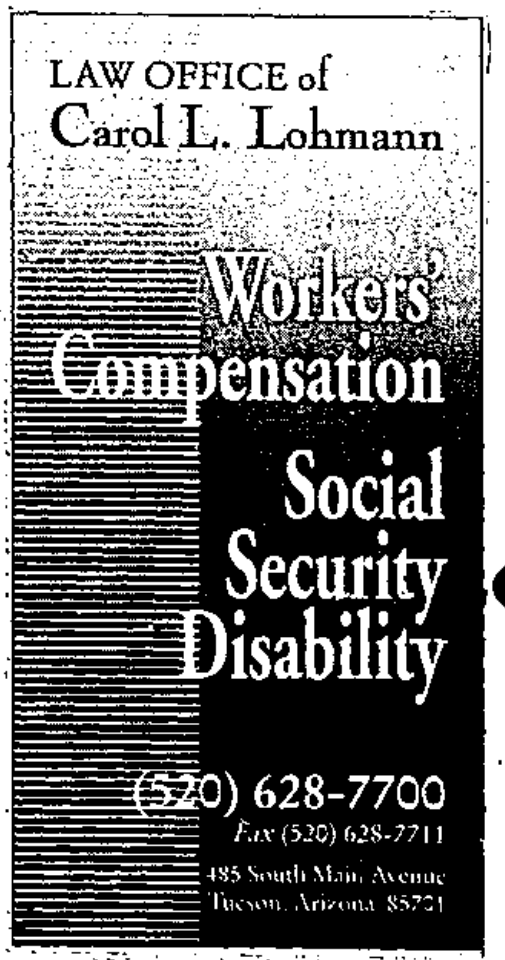
Our government showed us one more reason for not liking them this summer. Our president would return to the airwaves with a message that seemed recycled. He would place blame for all our woes on everything we could not see fault in. The economy continued to plummet and it seems as though no relief would be coming our way. Congress and House members continue to argue issues that those of us at home don't see true relevance to. Elections have turned to smear campaigns as the issues were clouded by what the persons running were more concerned about their opponents lives at home.

Our forms of entertainment were in as many variations as our ideas this summer. Movies covered everything from heros to anti-establishment demigods. What was watched by parents was no where near what their youngsters wanted to spend money on. Horror gave us fears that out in the real world were not as scary. Dramas depicting real events gave us a face on what might be our own lives on the screen. Music was also a battle of the ages. Albums released by voices of our generations were as embattled as the reality of Main Street, U.S.A.. Prices for our leisure were on the rise, but somehow we seemed to be able to afford the escape all the more.

The sport world was not immune to victim of the summer either. We would lose some of the folks we once called heros. Some would leave us naturally, while some by a choice that took their young lives in the end. We witnessed the summer heat take a toll on tempers, and cameras caught the action. We punished those that did not fit the canvas of our pastimes, and rewarded the ones who made us cheer more and more. The greed of pro sports gave us a new reason to boo from the stands. Salaries were astronomical and yet production not on the rise with players doing just as much to hate them as well as love. In the end though, the summer let us cheer more than ever, as sport always will.

We will look back at the summer and know that we are survivors of sort. We can take a tragedy and make it a reason to be stronger, and prouder. The things that make us happy, we take in moderation, and keep in our memory for times when we are not feeling so good. One day this summer will be looked at by those too young to remember, and hopefully be taken for face value. The future will look back at it, and take what got us forward. The things that brought us woe, will be kept in our memory to not allow a repeat of.

Those of you reading at this point might be asking why I have been so vague in my column. I have given you a synopsis of the summer just a couple of weeks ago. No, I am not suffering from writers block. The column you have just read is a review of a summer for the ages. It does give a view of some of what we faced in the last 4 months. It is however, not a review of this summer. It is a review of the summer of 1977. This is what it looked like 25 years ago. That famous saying about history repeating itself is what I want to put in your head for the weeks to come. Lets all do what we can to make sure in 25 years, we don't break out this column and just place it in whatever media we are reading then. Have a good week!



Gay Palestinians Fleeing To Israel

TEL AVIV, Israel - Though the level of interaction between Gay and Lesbian Israelis and Palestinians has declined markedly in the last two years of war and bloodshed, the communities still meet regularly in Tel Aviv offering an oasis of tolerance to Gay Arabs in the Middle East.

The Aug. 19 issue of The New Republic reported that in addition to waging war on Israel, Yasser Arafat's Palestinian Authority has conducted a brutal campaign of repression, imprisonment and torture against Gay Palestinians.

A 21-year-old Gazan told the magazine how young Gay Palestinians are routinely forced into special police squads used to lure, capture and implicate other Gay men. If they don't agree to become informers, they are tortured.

The young man told the magazine how he was forced to stand in sewage water up to his neck, his head in a bag filled with feces. He was then placed in a dark cell filled with insects he could feel but not see. Interrogators sodomized him with a Coke bottle while officers shouted abuse and cheered.

He now lives illegally in an Israeli village with dreams of moving to Tel Aviv. "No one there cares if you're Gay," he told TNR. He knows that his status as an illegal Gazan in Tel Aviv invites deportation if he is discovered, but he says he is safest where he is. If he is returned to Gaza, he says, "The police will kill me... Unless my father gets to me first."

"The persecution of Gays in the Palestinian Authority [P.A.] doesn't just come from the families or the Islamic groups but from the P.A. itself," Gay rights advocate Shaul Ganon of the Tel Aviv-based Agudah-Association said.

"The P.A.'s usual excuse for persecuting Gays is to label them collaborators- though I know of two cases in the last three years where people were tried explicitly for being homosexuals." Since the infitada began, Ganon said, Palestinian police have increasingly enforced Islamic law: "It's now impossible to be an open Gay in the P.A."

Human rights organizations have so far shown little interest in pursuing Palestinian human rights abuses under the rubric of a much larger occupation and refugee crisis. In the meantime, hundreds of Gay Palestinians have fled to the precarious safety of Tel Aviv, where they live hand to mouth on the illegal margins of Israeli society, and where their biggest fear is being forced to return home.

Network TV Season Loses GLBT Characters

LOS ANGELES, CA - As the new fall television season kicks into gear, advocates for Gay visibility are voicing concern over a sudden decrease in the number of GLBT characters on primetime network shows.

In a statement, the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLAAD) said that GLBT representations in the new season declined by almost two-thirds from the 2001-02 season, reported the Gay.com/PlanetOut.com network.

Cancellations of shows like "Spin City," "Felicity" and "The Education of Max Bickford" are responsible for the downturn, which leaves only six shows with Gay and Lesbian characters: "Buffy the Vampire Slayer," "Dawson's Creek," "E.R.," "NYPD Blue," "Will & Grace" and the new "MDs."

The absence of "That 80s Show" and "Education of Max Bickford" also leaves the new network season without a Bisexual or Transgender character, respectively.

"The diversity of the Gay community cannot be conveyed through seven characters, especially when all of those characters are white," said Scott Seomin, GLAAD's entertainment media director. There were 20 such characters last season.

GLAAD's tally, however, does not include primetime shows on cable channels, such as "Queer As Folk," "Six Feet Under" and "Sex and the City." The three shows are the most popular among several cable offerings that feature GLBT characters.

Not all Gay activists share GLAAD's level of concern. John Aravosis, who led the "Stop Dr. Laura" campaign, told the Los Angeles Times that the number of characters may not be the most accurate indicator of acceptance.

"Whether you're up or down a Gay character or two isn't nearly as important as the fact that TV has accepted us as a normal part of the fabric of Gay life," he said.

Gay HIV Rates Reach Record Level In UK

LONDON, UK - A new report on AIDS funded by the British government says that a record number of Gay men examined at British clinics have contracted HIV over the last year.

Between 1995 and 2000, the Public Health Laboratory Service tested the blood of 33,000 men from England and Wales, of which one out of every 52 were found to have contracted the HIV virus over the previous 12 months, reported Gay.com UK.

The report also found that AIDS is not only increasing among younger men, who it was generally believed were ignoring safe-sex messages, but also among mature men.

The researchers said that they had believed the majority of patients would be aged between 20 and 35 but there was in fact no difference between the age groups.

"This is a worrying finding because it confirms what we have feared, that 20 years into the HIV epidemic, transmission of this incurable but preventable infection is continuing at a steady rate in Gay men," said researcher Dr John Parry.

But Will Nutland of the Terrance Higgins Trust, a London AIDS clinic, stressed that the figures related to Gay men attending clinics, rather than the Gay population in total.

Nevertheless, he warned, that many men who are HIV-positive are not telling their sexual partners about their status.

"If they don't tell you they are positive, men shouldn't assume they have the same status as themselves," Nutland said.

Reflexology

The ancient healing art of reflexology has been known to man for many thousands of years. It is believed pressure on specific parts of the body can have an anaesthetizing effect on a related area. Further studies have shown that tension in areas of your hands and feet can mirror congestion or tension in a corresponding part of your body.

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'South Africa in Tucson'

Once again we return to the most visually interesting space in Tucson, the plaza in front of the University of Arizona Art Museum, to find that the trees in the sculpture garden are flourishing wonderfully and that the current museum exhibit is a triumph.

The show is called "Liberated Voices: Contemporary Art from South Africa." It is magnificent in both quality and range, with painting, sculpture, constructions, installations, photos in wood, fiber, sticks, stones, melted plastic, found objects and the inevitable video.

An unusual feature of the show is the great length at which some of the artists attempt to explain their works. This is helpful to art dummies. Never mind that artists are generally the worst critics of their own stuff these long explanations give the lost soul a starting point for thinking about what he's looking at.

Paul Stopforth says of his "The Interrogators," "My purpose was to show how terribly ordinary these three men looked.... The shadow of the chair is a reference to the 'struggle' that was suppose to have taken place while Steve was in their custody. The most mundane objects can take on frightening connotations in prisons..."

In fact there is a chair in this vertical triptych, but it's a perfectly innocuous looking chair without a shadow. And rather than "ordinary," the faces look interesting and they give this work its interest. The top face is talking, seemingly saying something serious and thoughtful. The middle face is watching something intently, its mouth slightly open in anticipation, the expression intent and intelligent. The bottom face is smiling softly in a gentle grandfatherly way.

Claudette Schreuder says of her painted wooden sculpture titled "The Hero" that it predicts "the precarious position of the white male in contemporary South African society." There's a child's body with a man's head astride a leopard that's looking behind them and showing his teeth. The soft rounded figures, brightly painted, look like a toy, perhaps even a stuffed toy. The man's face looks lost in thought; apparently the noise that caused his leopard to look back is too faint or too familiar to concern him. The beast seems perfectly content to have a rider. Playful trumps precarious.

Samson Mnisi works with cloth, pigment and found objects. His constructions look very old. The relationships he creates between sticks, fabric and string make you think of the relationships between bone, flesh and sinews. Sometimes the flesh is taut. Sometimes it sags. Sometimes it looks like an accordion.

Best of Show: Mbongini Richman Buthelezi's "Untitled 1996," melted plastic on wooden board. It looks like a collage of translucent materials gone over with a light watercolor wash. An intensely lyrical and deeply satisfying piece, something to fill your spiritual cistern, it has an unmistakably minor key playing somewhere in the background. And note the subtle complexities of the various surfaces.

The same artist has other melted plastic works in the show that are muddy, messy and as static as cold porridge. Like your old drill sergeant always told you: "Keep doing it till you get it right."

There's an entertaining installation of 130 snapshots, one of them showing a group of people on a beach with their arms around each other. There are three males, one female, and a head of indeterminate gender. One of the males is naked and another of the males is cupping the naked male's genitals in his hand. Photos like this, call them shots of social ambiguity, make me wonder what relationship these people have to each other. Are they lifelong friends or did they just that day meet in an art museum?

These brief comments cover only a small fraction of what's noteworthy in this stupendous show. The person at the front desk said she's pretty sure it runs through October 16.

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

SPORTS

DESERT COYOTES LEAGUE STANDINGS

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Big Ballers	4.0	3.0
Team #9	3.0	4.0
Aces Over Queens	2.0	5.0
Team #4	2.0	5.0
Team #6	2.0	5.0
Two Dicks No Peter	2.0	5.0
Team #7	0.0	7.0

BOWLERS NEEDED FOR DESERT COYOTES LEAGUE

TUCSON (ON) - On Wednesday, September 4, Tucson's Desert Coyotes, the city's Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender (GLBT) and straight supportive bowling league took to the lanes to start their 2002-2003 season.

A total of twelve teams will be competing in the winter season, Wednesday nights, starting at 9:00 p.m. at Golden Pin Lanes, 1010 W. Miracle Mile. Even though the number of teams is set, there are openings on the roster for a couple of teams.

Bowling is $12 a week, plus a one-time sanctioning fee. Average is not important, since bowlers in the league ranging from 100 pins a game to over 200. Teams consist of three individuals, for which each will bowl three games weekly.

If interested, please show up a few minutes prior to the 9:00 p.m. start time on Wednesday. For more information about the league, call (520) 323-6449.

HOROSCOPES

BY C. LICHTENSTEIN

Talkative Mercury retrogrades for the next four weeks. Don't sign important papers, don't get into arguments, don't arrange important interviews, don't rely on the mail and don't sit around waiting for the phone to ring. Let actions speak louder and prouder than words.

ARIES
MARCH 21 - APRIL 20

Miffed at partners? Don't breathe a word about it while Mercury is retrograde, rainbow Ram. Your heated words will crisp the stewpot and you will be headed for the doghouse before you bat an eyelash. If you are on the prowl, you are better off taking a breather from the hunt. You hanker for a Billy Goat Gruff or a nymph but may wind up with a troll or an ogre.

TAURUS
APRIL 21 - MAY 21

Retro Mercury throws a wrench in any job or major project. Plan accordingly and make sure that all directions are clearly explained and understood. Work is not the only area affected by the wayward planet; Feisty Mercury can give Gay Bulls a twisted ankle on the treadmill or boot in the patoot during aerobics. Warn your personal trainer that you may take the month off...

GEMINI
MAY 22 - JUNE 21

If you think having fun is easy, just you wait until Mercury retrogrades. What you thought was enjoyable could bring you ajita and stress. Poor pink Twins may yearn for days of quiet contemplative solitude. Overdoing too much of a good thing may be part of the problem. The other part may be a total misreading of the clues. Pack your magnifying glass, Sherlock.

CANCER
JUNE 22 - JULY 23

Pink Crabs love their home and hearth but now Mercury retrograde fogs in and bogs down any home related issue. Conversations with family go nowhere and grand scale moves or any major renovations take their own strange course. But you can't rule your life according to the vagrancies of Mercury! Do what you have to do and plan it very carefully.

LEO
JULY 24 - AUGUST 23

Proud Lions want to let loose a roar or two, but hold off bellowing any opinions until after the Mercury retrograde. Your opinions may be misunderstood or misdirected. Try not to sign important papers or put your name to any document. The closest you should get to any fine print is a good book. Read it until this nasty aspect passes. Hey what happened to the lights?

VIRGO
AUGUST 24 - SEPTEMBER 23

Don't listen to the advice of others, queer Virgin, particularly when it concerns finances. Mercury is retrograde and puts a mean crimp in your bank account. No monetary decision should be made while the financial picture is so foggy and the contracts have so many hidden clauses. Try instead to find a well endowed benefactor and enjoy reviewing your assets together.

LIBRA
SEPTEMBER 24 - OCTOBER 23

You proudly dance in center stage, but will anyone tell you that your pantaloons are unzipped, Gay Libra? Blame it all on Mercury retrograde. Avoid the glare of the spotlight now and don't arrange any major interviews for the next four weeks or so, if possible. You are sure to have a piece of food in your teeth when you smile and a foot in your mouth when you talk. Such a sight!

SCORPIO
OCTOBER 24 - NOVEMBER 22

Perceived scenarios are way out of wack so give your intuition a rest and stop fighting dragons who aren't there. Retro Mercury places a burden on the most sacrificing proud Scorps (of which there are very few...) Your best volunteer efforts may not have the intended effect or may be too off kilter to succeed. Donate money to our charitable causes instead of elbow grease, comrade.

SAGITTARIUS
NOVEMBER 23 - DECEMBER 22

Don't rely on the advice of friends, no matter how well intentioned they may be. Mercury retrograde does little to further the cause of camaraderie. Allow a little leeway when pals piss you off and remind them to do the same for you during this time. Are group goals in jibe with your personal goals? Turn a jaundice eye to organizations that promise you the world, queer Archer.

CAPRICORN
DECEMBER 23 - JANUARY 20

The road to professional success is never smooth and easy, but now with Mercury retrograde it may be downright bumpy and grindy. Queer Goats could saw through carefully constructed rungs on the corporate ladder with a foul comment or five. Watch your words; even your best compliments come out as screeds now. Don't bite no matter how hard you chew, amigo.

AQUARIUS
JANUARY 21 - FEBRUARY 19

Expect your travels to take a strange weird turn when Mercury goes retrograde, Aquecrius. Your carefully planned itinerary could be in for a major overhaul without your knowledge. So confirm all reservations well in advance and, even then, prepare for a surprise. Sometimes we find the loveliest things in unexpected places, but more often, we are still searching for our luggage.

PISCES
FEBRUARY 20 - MARCH 20

The mood is right and you are passionately ready to go, go, go. Let's take a gander at our checklist; Did you remember the candles... the wine... the lighting... the music... the lover? Got it all together? Chances are, with Mercury retrograde, the path of true sex may have its "clip your toenails while sitting in your dirty underwear" moment. And yet, some people like it that way.

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Student's Suit Settlement Goes Further

RENO, NV (GFN) - When a former Gay student sued school officials – who he claimed did not protect him from harassment within the school system – the county settled before going to trial and awarded the young man $451,000. It took more than two years, but with this settlement history was made in more than one way.

The settlement is believed to be the largest of its kind (one Pennsylvania school system paid out a significantly lower $312,-000 to a harassed Gay student earlier this year) but for our Gay youth, it is the first award in the country to recognize the constitutional right of Gay students to be protected from harassment in public schools.

The repercussions of that recognition will likely resonate for future generations of Gay kids who will not have to endure institutionalized homophobic behavior in a setting where they should be safe to learn and socialize.

According to court documents, Derek Henkle's harassment was so pervasive – ranging from verbal taunts to being punched in the face and lassoed around the neck – that Henkle, now 21 and living in Atlanta, transferred to three different high schools to escape it.

At Washoe High, he said Principal Bob Floyd warned him against "acting like a fag." At Wooster High, he said school police officers neglected to intervene when he was repeatedly punched in the face.

"When school officials constantly switched me from school to school, they said they were keeping me safe. In fact they didn't care about me at all, they just wanted to sweep the abuse under the rug," Henkle said in an interview.

In addition to the money paid to Henkle, the school district adopted 18 new policies as part of the settlement. The polices are aimed at protecting Gay students and teaching other students and staff about the rights of Gay men and Lesbians, including the regular training of all staff regarding the prevention and proper response to harassment and intimidation of students.

The suit claimed the school district violated Henkle's federal constitutional rights to equal protection based both on sexual orientation as well as sex, and also violated his right to freedom of speech. In addition, the suit accused the district of violating several state laws.

In May 2000, the complaint was amended to include claims under Title IX, the 1972 education amendment that prohibits discrimination based on sex by schools that receive federal funds.

Henkle's lawyers claim the damages award is the largest pretrial award in the nation in this kind of case. The school board agreeing to adopt the 18 policy changes was also a first.

"We can change the law and then uphold the law – and we can hold the educators accountable – but we need to change the consciousness of educators," says Kevin Noonan, a Los Angeles-based Gay sociologist, who follows Gay trends. "And that's a lot trickier.

"For instance, they outlawed smoking in California in bars and restaurants – but the law making this possible was only part of the solution; there was, concurrently, a shift in the way people felt about smoking, that it was unhealthful, and that thinking got the law passed," says Noonan.

"There needs to be a shift in the kind of thinking that allows some educators to feel they could allow harassment in the first place. That's easier said than done, since homophobia can never be outlawed."

Henkle, now 21, will get money to continue his education and the school district will have to protect Gay students in the future.

Legal experts say the keys to the settlement were the inclusion of the Title IX complaint and the school district's fear of having to pay large attorney fees if the case went ahead.

Insiders say the case dragged on largely because of problems with the school district's insurer, although it seems the school district was ready to do something that will benefit all Gay students, even if it took more than two years of legal wrangling to accomplish it.

The outcome of the settlement may not be prescient-setting, but other cases of harassment leveled against schools will surely look to Henkle's case for the roadmap.

To Tip Or Not To Tip

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If you have a handheld device using the Palm operating system, you can carry your tipping information with you wherever you go with the free download called "Tipper."

Tipper's creator, Tom Denton, says that since 1999, more than 60,000 people have downloaded the free application. Mr. Denton also offers several other excellent Palm applications, though my favorite might be "ALP" – that's short for account log-in password, for those of us with too many PIN numbers and alarm codes to recall and not enough brain cells to remember them all. It's a wonderful database for the Palm for only $14.49.

But, remarkably, the incredibly useful "Tipping" software is, as noted, free. In fact, I use mine so often and love it so much, I was tempted to send Mr. Denton a tip for creating it. However, I checked his "Tipping" chart and there was no suggestion of a tip for this service. Alas, Mr. Denton will not be tipped for this lovely tool, but instead will be given our hearty thanks instead. Hope he appreciates it.

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EDITOR:

I want to thank Brenda and the Observer for her letter "Not a Parent - Just a Partner." I feel it illuminates to the one of the greatest obstacles in the fight for Gay & Lesbian rights. The hypocrisy and dishonor some Gays and Lesbians exhibit in these types of situations go along way in making them appear as insincere and irrational as the right wing Christian community.

Sincerely,
S. Wheeler

DEAR COMMUNITY:

I wanted to thank everyone for helping celebrate my retirement from TIHAN over the last couple of weeks. As most of you know it was a hard decision for me to leave an organization powered by so many wonderful people in this community.

I would like to thank everyone that stopped by the TIHAN office on Wednesday September 4th to send me good wishes, along with everyone that joined our celebration at Woody's on September 7th.

There are a few people that I would like to mention as special thanks, starting with my partner Dave and the TIHAN Executive Director Scott for putting together both of these wonderful events. I would also like to thank the TIHAN volunteers and staff for all of their efforts for the Wednesday happening. I would also like to extend my special appreciation to Dave and Frank at Woody's, Jay, Vanna, Boo, Ruben, and all of the rest of the staff at Woody's for helping make this occasion special. I would especially like to thank Dave Huff for the cake, and the hot dogs for everyone, and for letting us use Woody's facility as if it were our own. I am forever in your debt.

Good wishes to all for the future, and I leave TIHAN knowing the love of this community.

Sincerely,
Jim Valiton
Administrative Assistant (Retired)
Tucson Interfaith HIV/AIDS Network

EDITOR:

As a Gay alumnus of Wittenberg University in Springfield, Ohio, the recent Gay-friendly and anti-Gay letters to the alumni magazine gave me a renewed interest in my participation in the university. To my delight I found that there was a small but thriving Gay Straight Alliance (GSA) on campus and that the majority of the faculty and administration was moderately to enthusiastically in support of this group and its mission. Consequently, I have been asked to serve as the alumni advisor to the GSA, a role that I happily accepted.

I am writing today to all GLBT newspapers nationwide to invite Wittenberg's Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgendered alumni and their friends, family, spouses, and partners to this year's homecoming. Ironically, homecoming will be held on and around the weekend of Oct. 11 which is National Coming Out Day! I, along with the help of Wittenberg administrators, faculty, and GSA, will be hosting a reception for our Gay alumni and their guests in the student union the morning of Saturday Oct. 12 before the parade and game festivities.

This is the first time in the history of the university that Wittenberg has openly acknowledged its Gay alumni. Please give strong consideration to proudly attending this year's homecoming and our reception, either by yourself or with family and friends. For more information please feel free to contact me directly or visit our website at www.FriendsofWittGSA.com.

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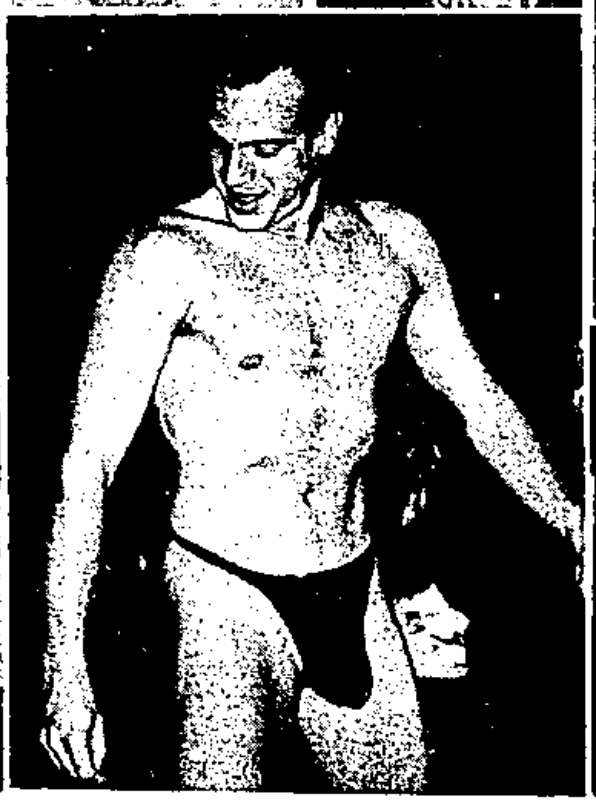

La Conexión Latina
Salud es Poder

Miss Gay Hispanidad 2002

El travestismo, (en este caso hombres que se visten de mujer) es una tradición muy arraigada dentro de la comunidad latina gay. Con esto no quiero decir que a todo el mundo le guste ni que todos le den la misma importancia. Lo que si quiero dejar claro es que muchos de nosotros disfrutamos los shows que estas artistas nos presentan cada jueves en el Escándalo Night Club. A continuación, abordaré algunas causas del travestismo dentro del marco del Certamen de Belleza y Talento de Miss Gay Hispanidad Tucson 2002.

Las razones para el travestismo son muchas. Algunas personas lo pueden tomar como un mero espectáculo en el cual, siendo hombres, asumen una identidad femenina. Estas personas probablemente solo se visten en ocasiones especiales como las fiestas de disfraces. En la historia mexicana del siglo XX, a uno de los yernos del Presidente Porfirio Diaz le encantaba vestirse de mujer en fiestas particulares con varios de sus amigos. Hay otras personas que hacen de esto la carrera de sus vidas, tal es el caso de la famosa travestí mexicana Francis. Pero también hay travestís que no lo hacen nomás porque se les antoja o por cuestiones de trabajo, sino que lo toman como su estilo de vida. Algunas de estas personas sienten ser "mujeres atrapadas en un cuerpo de hombre" y lo más lógico es que se vistan de mujeres porque esa es su identidad. Muchas de estas travestís sufren más que las que solo lo hacen por diversión o trabajo debido a que algunas comunidades no están preparadas para enfrentar estas situaciones. Sin embargo, estas personas que enfrentan al mundo por defender su identidad de género contra la naturaleza y la sociedad, son muy valientes y admirables.

Estoy seguro que hay muchas otras razones detrás del travestismo, pero por falta de espacio no voy a tocar en esta edición. Lo que si quiero dejar bien claro es que el evento de este sábado 21 de septiembre en el hotel Clarion de la Broadway y Alvernon, es el evento más importante para la comunidad gay latina de Tucson y en especial al que gusta del travestismo y el show que ahí habrá. Son ya varios años al hilo que el Certamen de Belleza y Talento Miss Gay Hispanidad Tucson se ha desarrollado y cada año está mejor. Con esta historia de éxitos, no debes perderte el concurso de este año ya que las candidatas cuentan con mucho talento y están comprometidas con la comunidad al trabajar en equipo con el proyecto Salud es Poder, al cual representan y que está detrás de la organización del concurso. Sea la causa por la cual nuestros participantes se visten de mujeres, lo más importante es que estarán ahí para entretenernos con su talento imitando a famosas cantantes latinas.

GENDER PRIDE BY JONI K. MAUSSE

Gender-bending is an international phenomenon. All over the world people like to play with gender roles, even where it's supposedly contrary to cultural mores. Mexico is no exception; in many parts of the country travesti shows are a common form of entertainment. And this tradition has continued among Mexican-Americans in the United States.

Perhaps Tucson's greatest annual travesti show will be the Miss Gay Hispanidad Pageant next Saturday at 7:00 p.m., at the Clarion-Randolph Park Hotel, 102 North Alvernon. Tickets are $15, including dinner from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m., and the proceeds will go to Salud es Poder, the Latino Men's Health Project of the Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation. I think you can maybe still get a price break if you hurry and buy your ticket in advance. Call (520) 628-7223, extension 248, or write salud@saaf org. Our currently reigning Miss Gay Hispanidad, the lovely Andrea, will be turning in her crown to the new 2003 winner. By the way, Andrea and her friends perform at 10:30 PM most every Thursday night at the Escandalo, 4696 South 12th Avenue.

Just over a week later, on Sunday the 29th will be the Turnabout for TIHAN at 5:30 PM at the Inn Suites Hotel, 475 North Granada at St. Mary's. The donation, which goes to support TIHAN, is $12.50 in advance or $15 at the door. That includes a buffet supper and drinks, as well as the show, which will include both professional and amateur drag queens. Scott Seitzberg says there will be some people doing drag for their first time in public, as well as several well-known local female impersonators, so this should be a lot of fun.

I apologize for failing to mention the Miss Carousel Pageant two weeks ago; I learned of it an hour too late for my deadline that week. Wake up, Joni! I hear it was great. Meanwhile, the Diva-Licious drag show takes place every Wednesday at 9:00 p.m. at IBT's, 616 North Fourth Avenue. The QueerVoice Youth Lounge will sponsor a drag show on Saturday evening, October 5. Call (520) 620-6245, or look up www.queervoice.org for information.

Boys 'R Us, our local drag king troupe, are rehearsing most every week: tucsondragkings@yahoo.com. I'll let you know as soon as I hear of an upcoming performance. Everybody, please keep me informed: jonikmausse-yahoo.com. Thanks, Sweetie!

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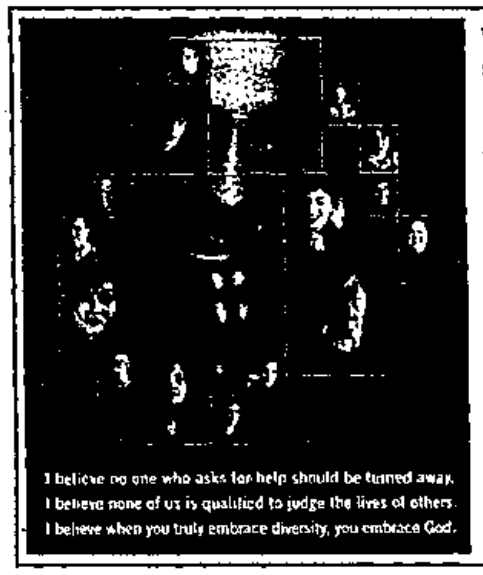

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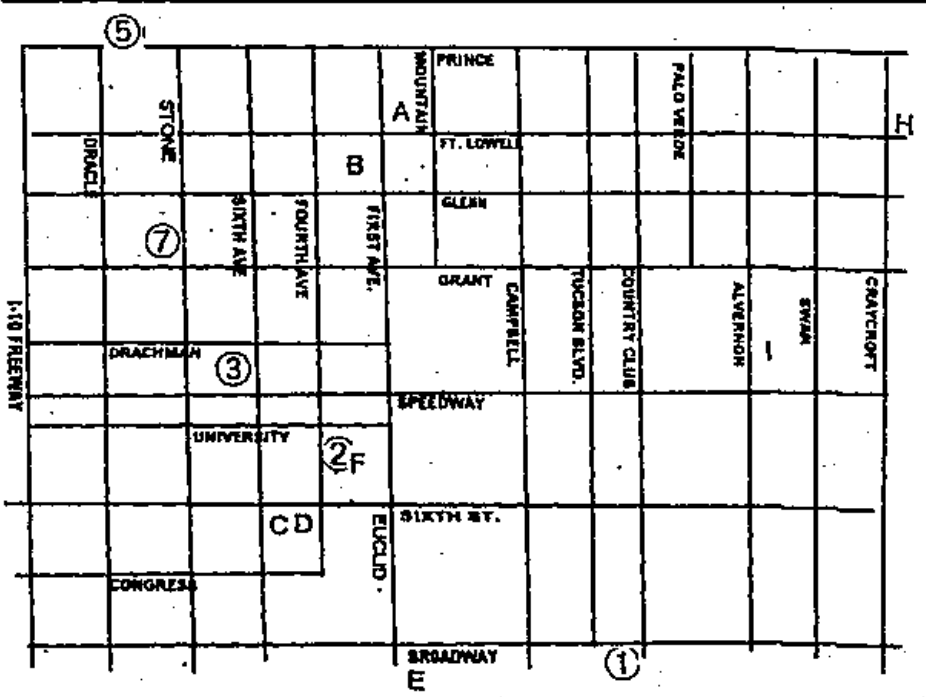

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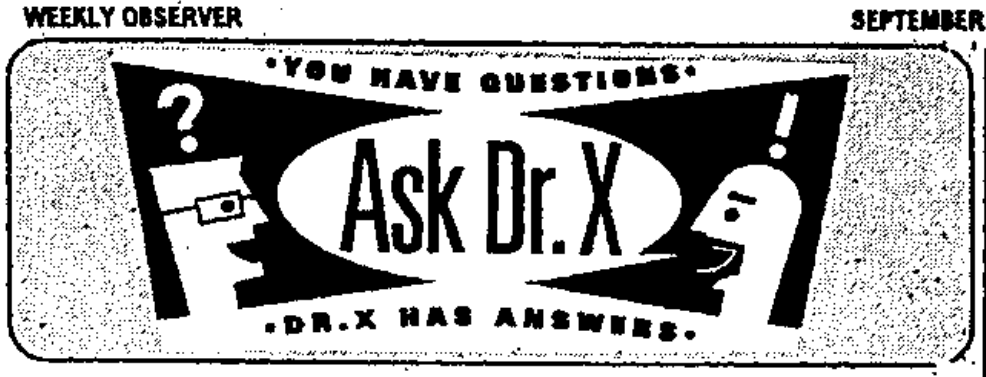

Dear Dr. X:

I was wondering what to do if you are a straight acting person but want your friends to know you are gay without just saying right to their face "I'm gay." How can you tell them that you are gay without them thinking you are hitting on them? Also are there any ways to tell if your friends might want to fool around with you without possibly ruining the friendship?

Jon

Dear Jon:

Any time a straight guy talks about the hot date he had on Saturday night or the Sports Illustrated swimsuit model he has a crush on, he's announcing his sexual orientation even though he doesn't use the words "I am heterosexual."

He is simply open and comfortable talking about his interests and activities. Likewise, you should be open and comfortable around your friends. If you are afraid they won't accept you for who you are, they probably aren't really friends in the first place. Having said that, most gay men are in the habit of being careful not to reveal their sexual interests around friends and acquaintances. They often have genuine reasons to fear prejudice against homosexuality. Therefore, they avoid--sometimes to the point of ridiculousness--any mention of anything that might possibly be construed as having homosexual implications. If you want to do it subtly try some of these tips. You can start by casually discussing topics of masculine interest, such as bodybuilding or personal grooming; this can allow you to talk about the male form in general and your own body in particular.

For example, when you say something like "I've been working on building up my pecs, and I'm trying to decide whether or not to shave my chest to show off my muscles," you are subtly revealing to your friend that you have a hairy chest and like to exhibit your body. Slick Huh? Then you can see if he seems to be interested in that sort of thing. Or when you say something like "That moustache looks really good on you. I've been thinking about growing mine out, too. What sort of clippers do you recommend?" You are subtly paying a compliment to a guy's masculine features while technically talking about grooming. When you describe what good hands your massage therapist has and how he releases tension from your body, you are subtly letting your friend know that masculine contact makes you feel good. Such talk can be sensual and full of innuendo, yet it won't be a direct announcement of your sexual orientation, nor will it be a direct way of hitting on someone. Remember, if you decide to start flirting with your friends, you will always be running the risk of damaging your friendships. Sometimes a good friend is a hell of a lot better than a sexual fling.

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

Calling For OUToberFEST Volunteers

TUCSON - OUToberFEST 2002 is right around the corner – October 12, 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Please consider volunteering for a couple of hours for Tucson Pride (formerly Tucson Lesbian & Gay Alliance), to help make this another fabulous Pride event for Tucson. This year, volunteers can designate donations, at $8.00 per hour for volunteer hour worked, to the local charity of their choice – Tucson Pride will track your hours and send the donation to your requested charity.

This year's Pride event will feature two stages of entertainment all day long. Location remains the Reid Park bandshell area – and our main gate will be located on the south side of the fenced area. Admission remains a suggested donation of $5.00.

Possible assignments include: gate help (counting people, checking bags, line control); stage hands; beer ticket sales; staffing the volunteer/first aid booth. Tucson Pride especially need volunteers to staff the First Aid booth.

Please contact this year's volunteer coordinator, Nancy Robinett, to sign up: Phone (520) 670-9500, or Nancy.Robinett@azbar.org or contact Tucson Pride through the website at: www.tucsonpride.com.

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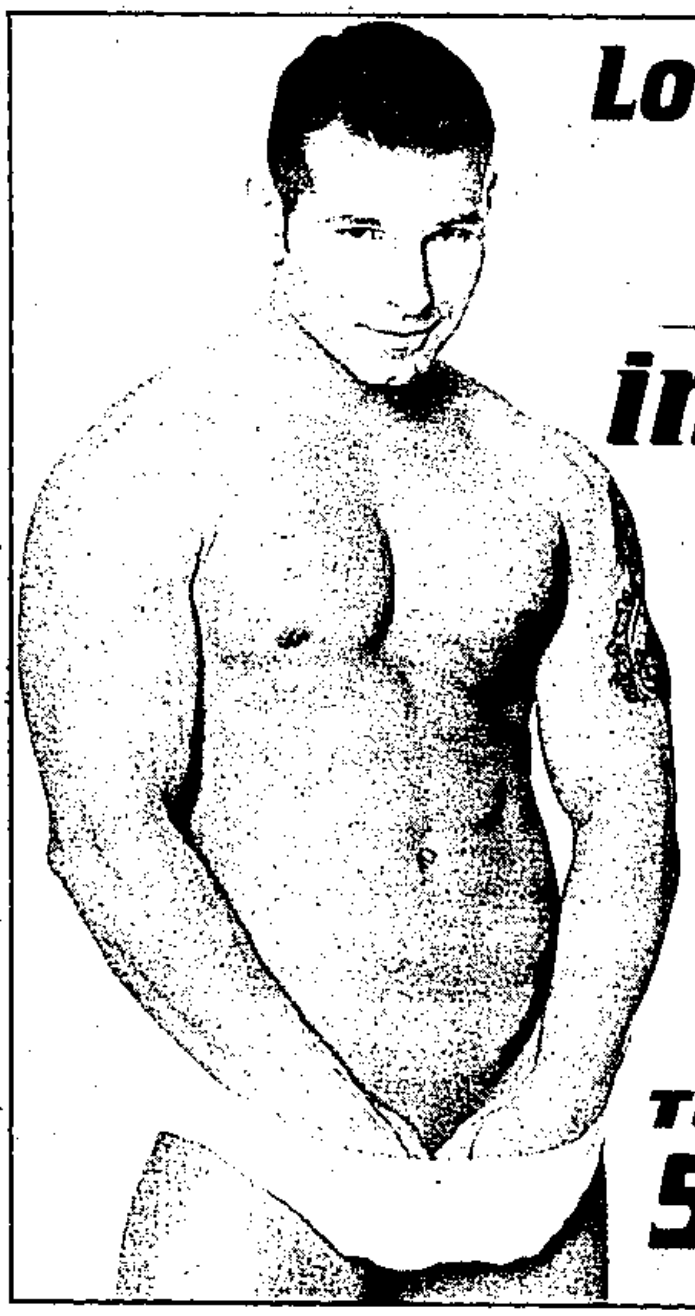
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Non-Bar Calendar

Groups / Clubs / Organizations

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. Robert hosts a Dinner Out at the new (and incredibly good) El Sabroso. For more info, please contact Robert at 296-2736.

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

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

#1. Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. Join us as we get out our monthly 10-page newsletter. It simple, and you get a chance to meet new guys as we assemble the newsletter. The work goes quickly, and is usually done with 45 minutes. For reservations and directions, please call Jerry at 690-9565.

#2. Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:30 p.m. Join Jerry & Les for a showing of "Hairspray". Before its Broadway incarnation, it was this light and funny film from John Waters about a big girl with dreams of making it big. Seating is limited. For reservations and directions, please contact Jerry at 690-9565.

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

7:00 - 9:30 pm, the Men's Relationship Group meets that includes a video on tantra. A great way to meet new men and make friends Have some clean fun. Fee. Call Marc at 881-4582 to reserve a place.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

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

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

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

Wingspan will hold their 5th annual dinner, 6:00 p.m., at the Tucson Convention Center, 260 South Church Avenue. For this year's event, the keynote speaker will be Kevin Jennings, the executive director of the Gay, Lesbian, Straight Educators Network (GLSEN). Comedian Jason Stuart is the featured entertainment for this year's event. Wingspan also uses the dinner to recognize local contributions to Gay and Lesbian equality with the presentation of the Godat Awards. And much, much more. The primary goal of this event is to raise funds for Wingspan, which the proceeds from this help to keep Wingspan open six days a week. For more information, call (520) 624-1779.

Salud es Poder (Latino Men's Health Project) presents their 7th Annual Miss Gay Hispanidad-Tucson Pageant at the Clarion - Randolph Park Hotel, 102 N. Alvernon. Tickets $15 donation. Dinner served from 7:00 p. to 8:00 p.m. Pageant opening ceremonies at 8:30 p.m. 628-7228 for more information.

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

#2. Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. Bill will host Pinochle Night. If you don't know how to play, but would like to learn, this is the place. For more information, please call Bill at 297-3569.

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

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

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

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

3-5:30 PM, Tantra Men's Workshop. The new and safe approach to sex and spirituality. Fee. Call Marc to register and answer questions. 881-4582.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

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

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

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

#1. Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. Join Joe for an evening out at Rainbow Planet. This is a chance to have a cup of coffee and chat with the men of MSN. For directions or more info, please call Joe at 733-9494.

#2. Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. Bridge Night will meet at John's house this month. If you're a beginner or an old pro, this is the place to meet for an evening of bridge for fun. For reservations and directions, please call John at 743-8138.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

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

BAR CALENDAR

OF UPCOMING EVENTS

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

IBT'S - 9:00 p.m. "DivaLicious Show" hosted by Lucinda Holliday and starring Samantha White, Aurora Gayheart and Adrianne Alexander.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

VENTURE-N - Steak Night 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Then from 9:00 p.m. to closing it's $1.00 schnapps for men without shirts!!!

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

IBT'S - Party line-up includes Stan and Jeff's Recovery Bar from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. $1.50 Bloody Marys, Screwdrivers or Mimosas. Karaoke Party with Michael D. on the patio from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m., Benefit Bar-B-Que / Beer Bust from 5:30 to 8:00 p.m. This weeks proceeds go to PFLAG. Then at 7:30 p.m., The Bud Team arrives with games and prizes. 9:00 p.m. Sign-up for Underwear Contest hosted by Ajia Simone. $100 first prize!!! (Minimum of four contestants).

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

IBT'S - Starting tonight and every Tuesday from now on it's Bare Chest Night at IBT's from 8:00 to closing. For those who dare to bare, Long Island Ice Teas are only $1.75, so get those shirts of right now!

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

IBT'S - 9:00 p.m. It's the 'DivaLicious Show' hosted by Lucinda Holliday and starring, direct from Phoenix, Phaedra with Tabetha Lovell and Janee Starr.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13

YARD DOG - Live jazz is coming to the Dog tonight from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. and every Sunday from now on the Yard Dog Jazz Duo will be performing on the patio. Plus - Food is being served from 5:00 p.m. until it runs out. So check it out!

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

IBT'S - Starting tonight and every Thursday from now on it's 'Video Thursday' from 9:00 to closing. Your favorite dance DVDs on the big, big, big (huge) screen, plus $2.00 well or domestic beer!!

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

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

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. Jerry & Les host the continuing saga of the Fisher family in "Six Feet Under". For reservations and directions, please call Jerry or Les at 690-9565.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

#1. Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 9:00 a.m. Join Jack for a morning of tennis. For directions, please call Jack at 881-5733.

#2. Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. Marv will host Pinochle Night. If you don't know how to play, but would like to learn, this is the place. For more information, please call Marv at 745-0304.

Tucson Prime Timers Breakfast – 9:00 a.m. The Good Egg, 4775 E. Grant Rd (& Swan).

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

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

Save the date for the "Turnabout for TIHAN" benefit show at the InnSuites Hotel (St. Mary's and the Freeway). It's going to be a red-white-blue USO-Style show "straight" from the good old days. "Entertaining Our Troops:" features dedicated employSees from the local LGBT bars bringing you songs from the bygone days as well as some more modern hits from today. Hosted by Gilda Fabalé along with Mr. Kenneth Blake. Tickets are $12.50 in advance or $15.00 at the door. Light buffet at 5:30 p.m. with the show starting at 7:00 p.m. Tickets are now on sale. Call 299-6647.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

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

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

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1

#1. Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 6:00 p.m. Join Steve for Dinner Out. For more info, please call Steve at 794-5019.

#2. Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. Join Joe for an evening out at Rainbow Planet. This is a chance to have a cup of coffee and chat with the men of MSN. For directions or more info, please call Joe at 733-9494.

#3. Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. Carl hosts the Tucson Stockmen-an investment club spun off from MSN. If you'd like to know more, please call Carl at 331-4239.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5

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

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 Hal 9pm to close. Drink & Shot specials all night.

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

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

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

Monday

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

IBT's - Open 11am. Happy Hours 11am-8pm, $2 domestic beer and well. 4-9pm. Hot dance with DJ Raynman Undie Mondie with Jay. Happy Hour prices for those in their undies 9pm-close. Queer As Folk shown beginning at 8pm. All drink specials not available during special events.

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

WOODY'S - Open Noon. $2 well or domestic beer til 8pm. Karaoke w/Michael D. 9pm to close.

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

Tuesday

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

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

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

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

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

Wednesday

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

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

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

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

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

Thursday

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

IBT's - Open 11am. Happy Hours 11am-8pm, $2 domestic beer and well. 4-9. Retro 80s Dance w/Jonathan III NRG dancing 9-1 All drink specials not available during special events.

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

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

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

Friday

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

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

VENTURE-N - Open 10am. Patio open 5pm. Daily special til 7pm. Happy Hour Buffet 5-7pm.

WOODY'S - Open Noon. $2 well or domestic beer til 8pm. Martini Party - Well Martini's $2.00 all day. Call Martinis $3 from 4pm to close. Volleyball Court is Open. Patio Bar Open 7pm - midnight.

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

Saturday

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

IBT's - 10am-8pm $2 domestic beer and well. Dance Party 9-1 w/DJ-Q. All drink specials not available during special events.

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

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

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

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NOTICES

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

P.F.L.A.G. - Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays - is a support group available to anyone who has a son, daughter or friend who is Gay. Call 575-8680 or write P.O. Box 36284, Tucson, AZ 85740-6284. All replies confidential.

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

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

The TUCSON Chapter of PRIME TIMERS WORLDWIDE invites Gay or Bisexual men and their admirers to join and share Prime Timers fellowship. We welcome mature men (and admirers) who wish to become involved with planned and future Prime Timers activities. Meetings luncheons and dinners are held monthly. For dates, times and information call 690-4613, leave name and phone number.

TUCSON GAY INFORMATION AND REFERRAL
For information on human service organizations, health and mental health services, financial and government assistance, emergency services such as food and shelter, education, etc. Call Information and Referral 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.

RAINBOW SUPPORT GROUP: LGBT and supportive friends meet for open discussions in a loving, supportive atmosphere. Support meetings are the 2nd and 4th Thursdays from 7:30 to 9:00 pm at St. Francis in the Foothills Church, Swan and River Road, Room 42. The 3rd Thursdays of the month, the group will meet at 7:30pm at Rainbow Planet Coffeehouse (606 North 4th Ave.) as a social outing. For more information call the church at 299-9063 and ask for a contact person.

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

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

SOURCES UNLIMITED, a Lesbian & Gay referral service. Business and individual listings are free of charge. All information available to anyone just simply by asking. 322-5855. Leave message. TucsonSources@aol.com

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

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

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

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)790-6775 or write P.O. Box 43910, Tucson, AZ 85733-3910 of visit our website at www.botop.com All are welcome to our general meetings/potlucks on the 2nd Friday of every month, 7pm at Sentinal 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 6:45 to 9:45 p.m. at Lambda Center, 2940 E. Thomas, Phoenix. Ellie 581-8850 or Ronn 968-2384.

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

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

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

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

LIGHTNING LIGHTING will provide lighting for AIDS and related benefits at no charge. For more info call Adrienne at 889-7296.

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 Phamily! 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, rehearses Monday evenings from 6:30 to 9:30pm at Armory Park Senior Center, 220 S. 6th Ave. Call 791-9662.

Join the LESBIAN & GAY PUBLIC AWARENESS PROJECT. In Tucson write Awareness Project, 3661 N. Campbell Ave. #385, Tucson, AZ 85719.

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

MEN'S SOCIAL NETWORK: Social organization for men of all ages. Building an extended Gay family in Tucson. Monthly social potluck gatherings the first Saturday of each month and almost weekly social activities. Call Jerry at 690-9565 for information and a newsletter. Check the Non-Bar Calendar in the Observer.

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

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

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

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

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

TUCSON PRIDE, INC. meets on the second Tuesday in the Sentinel Building, City of Tucson Community Resource Campus, 320 N. Commerce Park Loop (on Bonita St. between Congress and St. Marys Road) at 7 pm. Tucson Pride produces Pride events: Pride Week, Gay West and OUTober Fest. Inquiries about support groups and individual needs should be directed to Wingspan and other local agencies listed here. For more information call 622-3200 or visit the website www.tucsonpride.com

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

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

TUCSON INTERFAITH HIV/AIDS NETWORK (TIHAN), a coalition of faith communities committed to a compassionate response to HIV/AIDS, provides HIV education in congregational settings, volunteer CareTeams to support HIV+ persons, a referral network of HIV-sensitive clergy, and interfaith services of healing and hope. For more information call 299-6647.

LESBIAN/GAY/BI-SEXUAL OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS. Saturdays 1 to 2pm new location Wingspan, 300 E. 6th St. Contacts 325-6676 or 327-4293.

ANONYMOUS HIV COUNSELING AND TESTING is available through the Pima County Health Department at sites throughout Tucson, Very Gay Friendly. For more information or to make an appointment call 791-7676.

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 Anabel at 325-0892

SMART (Self Management And Recovery Training) a free non-12-step self-help alternative for people working to overcome addictive and other emotional problems meets in Tucson Monday thru Thursdays at different locations. For more information about SMART, contact Jennifer at 792-4607, Ext.396

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

NOTICES

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

AZdykes is a new email list for Lesbians living in Arizona. For information mail1yan@theriver.com and request guidelines.

OUTLOUD! Tucson's premiere Local Lesbian and Gay Radio Show, broadcast every Wednesday at 6:00 pm on 91.3 FM, Community Radio KXCI. The show "This Way Out", a nationally syndicated Lesbian and Gay radio show is aired at 5:30 pm every Wednesday.

THEATER / DINNER / ETC! Non-Smoking Lesbian Network meets every 3rd Saturday night of each month. If you'd like to meet women 35+ (flexible) and socialize in a smoke-free environment 886-8010 before 10:00 p.m. The group dines out and attends shows or movies. Now in their 16th year! (2nd in Tucson).

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

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

ARIZONA AIDS POLICY ALLIANCE (AZAPA) seeks to educate legislators and citizens about sound AIDS policy. For more information write AZAPA, 6823 N. 14th St., #112, Phoenix, AZ 85014 or call 602-279-4805.

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

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

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

GLSEN - Gay, Lesbian and Straight Education Network meets first Thursday of every month at 4:30pm at Wingspan, 300 E. 6th Street. 743-4500.

TUCSON CATHOLIC GAY & LESBIAN FAMILY MINISTRY. Currently meeting the 4th Monday of every month at SS Peter & Paul Church, Madonna Hall 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Fr. Fiedler in attendance every meeting and willing to speak one on one. Reaching out to Parents and Families. For more info call Doc or Barbara 293-8624.

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

LUTHERANS CONCERNED -- Tucson chapter for Gay/Lesbian Lutherans meets 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)

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

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

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

PASSAGES MENTALK - Discussion group and more. For men in their 30s, 40s and late 20s. A great way to meet people. Meeting 3rd Tuesday of each month at Wingspan 7-9pm. Call 760-8714 for more information.

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

SOUTHERN ARIZONA STONEWALL DEMOCRATS meet 3rd Monday of each month 7pm at 4639 E. First Street. Call Jesse 743-4320 or Maurice 323-2283. All LGBT Democrats and supporters welcome. TucsonStonewall@aol.com

PERSONALS

MAURICE - HAPPY BIRTHDAY FROM THE THURSDAY NIGHT CREW. 946

MID-AGE GWM SEEKS COMPANION. N/smoker, N/Drug. 731-6152 Days. 946

HOPING TO FIND SOME OF MY OLD FRIENDS IN TUCSON. I lived there for a short time in 1997. Made good friends but didn't keep in touch. I am the Canadian boy, native. Name is Tim. Worked at Carbuso's Restaurant. If this works e-mail me: kewlbeans_jood@hotmail.com 947.

SINGLE GUY SEEKS SINGLE HISPANIC GUY over 35 who enjoys dining out, movies, working out, and quiet times. Write P.O. Box 5322, Tucson, AZ 85703 949

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IT'S A CABIN IN THE CITY. Very quaint, kinda like Grandma lives here. One bedroom duplex, newly renovated, private yard. Centrally located near Grant & Country Club. No pets. Free laundry facilities. $595/mo. + $595/dep. All utilities included. Call 903-1900. 948

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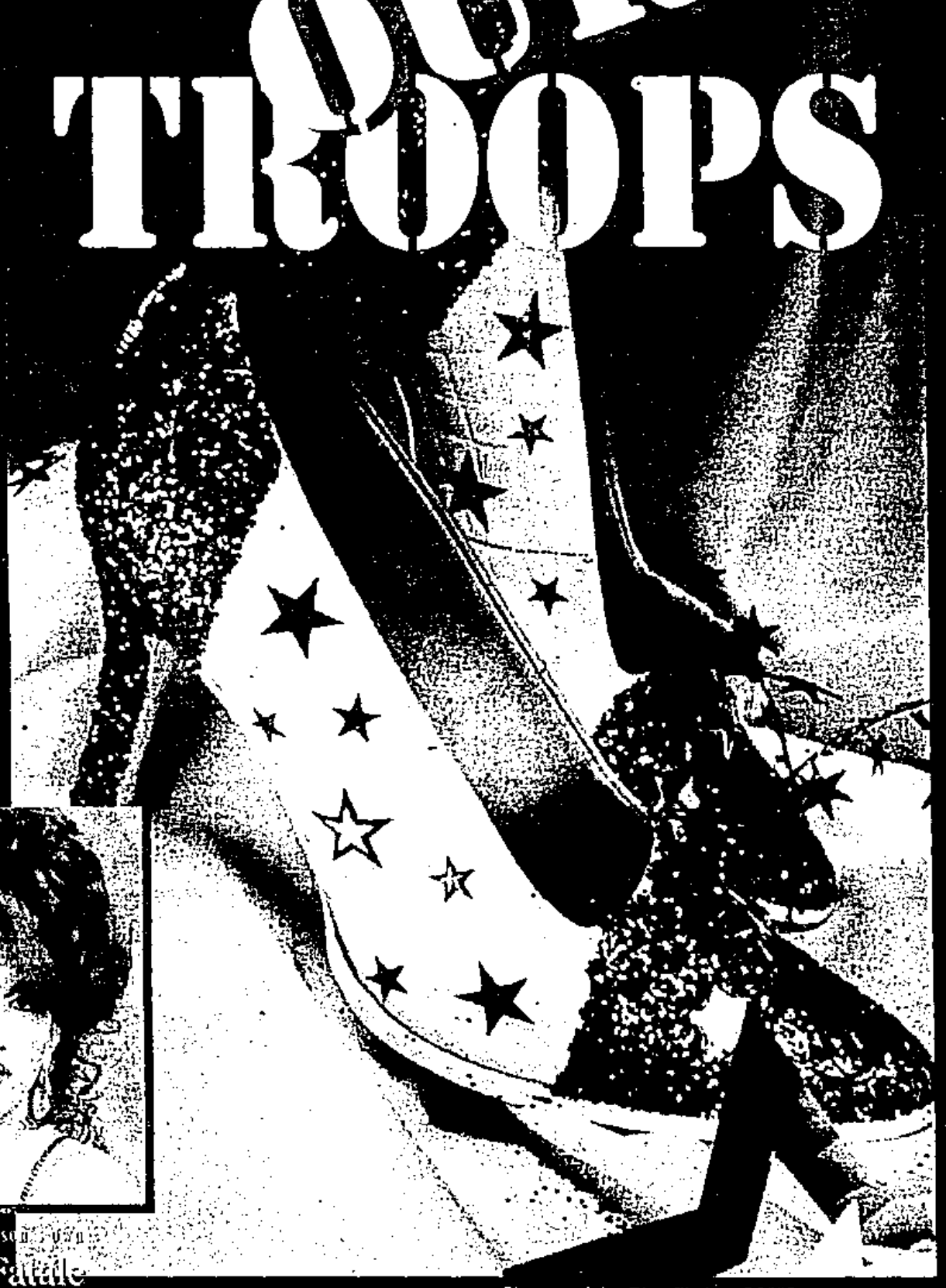

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