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OUToberFEST '97
Entertainment Schedule Announced

TUCSON - As OUToberFEST approaches, the Tucson Lesbian/Gay Alliance is in overdrive getting things ready for the big event at Reid Park on Oct. 18. They have released the entertainment schedule for the day and it includes a great array of talent both local and from around the country. Shown above is the Los Angeles-based, openly Gay, a capella group Men Out Loud. See related story below for a complete schedule of events and make plans to attend the festivities Saturday, October 18.

TUCSON -- The Tucson/Lesbian Gay Alliance is proud to present "OUToberFest '97!"

This event will be held on Saturday, October 18, from 10:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M. at the Southwest Corner of Reid Park, (22nd and Country Club).

Touted as the largest Gay Event in Southern Arizona, this year's theme is "Equality through Visibility." Last year there were over 6,000 attendees.

A full day of fun, festivity, food, drink, music, singing, dancing, and lots of vendor booths. Free admission, free entertainment and free soda.

OUToberFest '97 is proudly sponsored this year by Golden Eagle Distributing, Desert Diamond Casino, Arizona Travel Center, IBT's (voted best Gay bar by the Tucson Weekly), Unique on Central, The Observer, Boom-Boom's, Dillinger House B&B and the Arizona Gay Rodeo Association (AGRA) - Tucson.

OUToberFest '97 boasts a full day of absolutely fabulous entertainment and guest speakers, including Tucson Mayor George Miller, and Ward 6 Council Democratic candidate, Alison Hughes. (As of press time, there has been no response to invitations from the Republican or Libertarian candidates).

You can two-step, or swing yer pardner at the Country-Western Dance Tent sponsored by AGRA-Tucson. If rave is more your style, check out the High-N-R-G Dance area and "Java Joe's Coffee" sponsored by Boom-Boom's Night Club.

Let your hair down, and don't get it cut, until you get to the festival and visit the "Hair Cut-a-Thon Benefit" for the Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation. You may come away with a whole new look!

Now let's get down to music! Amongst the entertainers is local singer/songwriter, Martie Van Der Voort, a passionate and humorous performer. Martie's music has been called "outrageous, loving and candid."

Her self produced cassette, "Ready to Move," includes such favorites as "Bastard Song," (about adoption), "May We Blessed Be" (a spiritual Lesbian love song), and "Menstrual Rag." Martie is not silent; she is out to perform about it all, and have fun in the process.

From Los Angeles, sponsored by Dillinger House B&B and Arizona Gay Travel, an openly Gay a cappella-based vocal quartet, MEN OUT LOUD!

Their look is West Hollywood, their sound is both classic and contemporary, their repertoire encompasses danceable pop, doo-wop, R&B, and them some.

Their debut album, "Sweet Enuf 2 Eat" was released in June of this year by Mercury Records to critical acclaim. In the September issue of "The Advocate," this CD came in at #1, on a top ten list of music purchased by Gays and Lesbians.

MEN OUT LOUD! were listed in the LA Times "Best Bets" column in August, and Billboard Magazine says "Brash and appealing out-Gay male vocal quartet has a potential mainstream hit . . . Their harmonies are as smooth and seamless as those of any Boyz II Men smash . . ."

Catch MEN OUT LOUD! again Sunday night, October 19, at IBT's, 616 North Fourth Avenue.

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AIDS Walk '97 - Oct. 26

by Mark R. Kerr

TUCSON (ON) -- Sunday, October 26, Tucsonans will lace up their walking shoes, gather their pledges and head to Rillito Downs for AIDS Walk '97.

AIDS Walk is the annual fund raiser for Tucson's AIDS Service Organization (ASO), now the Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation (SAAF). Proceeds from the Walk will go for client services.

People will gather, October 26, to walk for, or in memory of a lover, friend, son, daughter, brother, sister, and a parent. They will carry signs, pictures or wear shirts to commemorate those living with or who lost their battle to HIV/-AIDS.

A cure, despite mainstream media reports, has not been found. New drugs, such as protease inhibitors, are providing hope to some people living with HIV/-AIDS.

Even with the new drugs, infection rates, among young people are increasing dramatically. The need for services, such as case management, education and life-saving medications is as great as ever.

Support from government during this 16-year epidemic is not meeting the ever-increasing demand.

The federal government through such programs as Ryan White CARE and AIDS Drug Assistance Programs offer services and life-saving medications to people living with HIV/AIDS. But, the Republican-controlled Congress has not increased funding enough to meet the growing need.

Then there is the state of Arizona. The Arizona Legislature has never allocated funding for HIV/AIDS programs.

The Arizona Department of Health Services (ADHS) HIV programs, a state agency, must rely on federal funding to run their programs. As first reported in The Observer, ADHS is facing a $1 million funding shortfall in ADAP for the rest of FY 97/98, due to increasing numbers of clients requesting services.

Arizona's new Republican governor, Jane Dee Hull recently requested that $600,000 in stop-gap funding in ADAP. Gov. Hull's action still require legislative approval. The check isn't in the mail yet.

The state has not lived up to their responsibilities during this epidemic. These are some factors why the Walk is so important.

AIDS Walk is in its ninth year. Starting out raising thousands of dollars to raising a little over $100,000 in 1996. Organizers try to keep expenses to a minimum, maintain its longtime sponsors as well as adding new ones each year of the Walk.

Most important, organizers work to raise the much-needed funds to help Tucsonans living with HIV/AIDS.

Organizers of the Walk try to create a good experience for all who gather pledges and walk. AIDS Walk is an event that brings a diverse group together to show that AIDS is not just a Gay disease, but a disease that affects the whole community.

If you want to sign up and gather pledges, Matthew Palmer, the organizer of this year's Walk, or the staff wants to speak with you. I can't be there on October 26, but I want to pledge money, the AIDS Walk staff wants to speak with you. Call AIDS Walk at 322-9191.

Walking together, we can continue to make a difference.

Stopping Hate Crimes

by Mark R. Kerr

TUCSON (ON) -- A professor was killed in California by a man who said he wanted to kill "a Gay man." In Michigan, a Gay activist's house was torched by an arsonist. The Otherside Lounge, a Gay and Lesbian bar in Atlanta was bombed. In Phoenix, the local G/L community center was vandalized.

Hate crimes, also known as bias crimes, are acts committed against a person or property which is motivated by an individual's dislike of a race, religion, ethnic/national origin, group, or sexual orientation.

Causes of these acts? According to the Tucson/Pima County Anti-Hate Crimes force, it ranges from the breakdown of the family unit, the internet, kids wanting to be a part of a group, (a racist gang), and Hollywood's influence (television and movies).

In Pima County, a total of 11 hate crimes cases had been reported for the first six months of 1997, according to the Pima County Sheriff's office. A total of 11 cases were reported for the entire year of 1996.

So few cases, why bother? A hate crime is a crime. These incidents need to be reported. If something has happened to you, it's probably happened to other people. To report a hate crime and its an emergency, call 911. For non-emergency calls, contact the law enforcement agency near you:

Pima County Sheriff's, 741-4900; Oro Valley, 742-5445; Marana, 682-4466;

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UPDATE

Wingspan Film Fest Schedule Change; Film Poster Raffle

TUCSON – A schedule change of the Third Annual Film Festival, October 24-26.

Special guest, Michael Wilke, his program and forum, "The Commercial Closet," which investigates the history and current trend of the "homosexual" image in national and international ad campaigns has been switched to Saturday, October 25, 2:00 P.M. at the U of A Economics Building, Room 111.

The scheduled event, "Out at Work," a documentary regarding the faces of discrimination in the workplace for Gays, Lesbians, Transgendered and people with HIV/AIDS, will be switched to October 26, 2:00 P.M., at the U of A Economics Building, Room 111. . . .

Wingspan's Film Festival Committee are touring the promotional posters from the films included in this year's festival.

Posters of films, "Butch Camp," "Late Bloomers," "Rescuing Desire," "Boys Life 2," and "Out at Work" will be displayed at various businesses throughout the Gay community.

The posters will be raffled at the beginning of each film. Raffle chances will be the ticket stubs from that screening.

The closing reception will take place, Sunday, October 26, 4:00 P.M. - 7:00 P.M. at Wingspan's new offices, 300 East Sixth Street. For more information about the closing reception call, 624-1779.

Reveille Arranging OUToberFEST Rally

TUCSON – Reveille Gay Men's Chorus is again coordinating the Pride Rally for this year's OUToberFest celebration, which will be at Reid Park, October 18.

Working closely with TLGA, RGMC's Artistic Director, James Gall, has been in contact with all of last year's participants, and has received confirmations that they will again be apart of the event.

"Over 25 organizations will be represented in the rally," says Gall, "and we will again have members of the U of A Marching Band to lead the procession through the park.". Any organization which has not been contacted and wants to be involved should call Jim Gall, 881-1369, as soon as possible.

As part of the rally, Reveille will perform several Gay positive selections and Desert Voices will also sing as part of the 2:00 P.M. entertainment program. Speakers will include City Council candidate, Alison Hughes, scheduled to appear and there are certain to be a few surprises you won't want to miss.

Stop by the Reveille booth at OUToberFest, where Chorus merchandise will be offered for sale, season tickets may be purchased for the three concerts this season. Reveille will also be selling raffle tickets ($1 each) for a dinner for two, every week for a full year. The raffle drawing will be held December 6, at the Holiday Show.

Panoramic Productions Seeks Volunteers

TUCSON – Panoramic Productions are seeking individuals to voluntarily serve as board officers, board members, directors, staging, lighting, and sound technicians, and actors.

All interested parties will be considered regardless of age, race, color, gender, or sexual orientation.

For more information, contact Rohno Geppert, (520) 293-5397.

Wingspan Board Elections, Annual Meeting Oct. 12

TUCSON – Wingspan will be holding it's Annual Meeting open to all Wingspan members, Sunday, October 12, at 6:00 P.M.

The meeting will be at the Center, 300 East Sixth Street, in Tucson. The annual election of new board members will take place.

All Wingspan members are encouraged to attend to vote on new directors, meet the board, and participate in your community center. For more information, call 624-1779.

Recreation Volleyball At St. Francis

TUCSON – Volleyball players unite!

Recreation volleyball is played Sundays, 4:00 P.M. at the sand court of St. Francis in the Foothills, 4625 East River (NW corner, Swan & River Road Roads).

Men and women of all playing levels are welcome. Volleyball is a great way to make new friends and get exercise at the same time. For more information, call Davey, 886-1208.

IN MEMORIAM

ROB DETWILER
10-10-64 - 10-4-97

Rob Detwiler passed away early Saturday, October 4, 1997.

Born in Inglewood, California, Pat and Will Detwiler moved their only son to Prescott in 1974. A graduate of Prescott High, Rob majored in speech and drama.

Rob moved to Tucson to attend the U of A. Known for his love of friends, good food and books, Rob will be sorely missed by family and friends.

A memorial will be held at Stephenson Place, 3533 N. Estrella, Saturday, October 11, 1:00 P.M.

In lieu of flowers, please make a donations to SAAF's Food Pantry, 151 S. Tucson Blvd., Tucson, AZ 85716.

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POLITICS 1997

by Mark R. Kerr

"Spot The Looney!"

You just gotta feel sorry for members of Congress who can't live on $133,000.

The Republican controlled House and Senate recently approved legislation, HR 2378, which gives Senators and Representatives a cost-of-living increase (COLA) of 2.3% or $3,673 to raise their pay to $136,673 annually. "Soft" money not good enough?

All this while they attempted to cut funding for Social Security and HIV/-AIDS programs, just to name two.

How did the Arizona delegation vote? U.S. Rep. Jim Kolbe, R-Tucson, was the only one who voted in favor of the increase. How will "mainstreet America" feel about that? . . .

Just like Jason, Freddy Krueger or Sylvester Stallone in one of his "schlock-filled-bombusters," Our favorite homophobe, B-1 Bob Dornan is back! Well sort of.

This past week, the U.S. House of Representatives, by a vote of 219-203, recommended that criminal charges be filed against Hermanidad Mexicana Nacional in a dispute arising from the election which Dornan lost his house seat to a Democrat, Latina, and a girl, Loretta Sanchez.

The vote was party-line, especially in Arizona. Republican Representatives J.D. Hayworth, John Shadegg, Matt Salmon, Bob Stump and Jim Kolbe (Huh?) voted yes. Democrat Ed Pastor voted no.

B-1 Bob is still claiming fraud in his elections. Yeah, yeah, conspiracies by rich queers, illegal aliens, fraud by the Orange County Recorder, a Republican woman who oversees elections! We've heard that!

We'll B-1 Bob, is concert with the Republican-controlled House Oversight Committee is investigating the election. Still? Yes, eleven months after the fact, with the taxpayers footing the bill.

Will this ever end? At a recent California Republican state convention, the new chair of the party, Michael Schroeder, who happens to be B-1 Bob's lawyer, said "we will not cease this effort to unseat Sanchez.

Schroeder introduced B-1 Bob to the convention as "the congressman-elect, your congressman-in-exile."

Would a stake through the heart work? No! B-1 Bob has no heart! . . .

You barely survived a recall election! What are you going to do? Run for higher office! That's it!

This is what Republican Phoenix City Councilmember, Frances Emma Barwood is planning, a run for Arizona secretary of state to challenge the recently appointed Betsy Bayless, former Maricopa County Supervisor who just assumed office. The seat is still warm!

Barwood's claim to fame, after barely surviving a recall election, was her urging, a few months back for a formal investigation of strange lights sighted over Phoenix that some believed were UFO's. "Phone home Frances, phone home!"

Barwood, according to news reports, has ideas (eek!) she'd like to apply in the post. [For those not playing the home game, the secretary of state oversees elections and voter registration.]

One of Barwood's "ideas" (I use that term loosely!) is clear voter rolls of people who aren't citizens and people who have lost their voting rights through conviction of a felony. Isn't that the case now, Frances?

"You cannot vote if you're illegal," Barwood said in an interview. So how do you vote? "You're either eligible to vote or you're not." With candidates like this, we all won't be!

Barwood's gem of another idea is to make the counting of ballots more visible, like behind big windows (stain-glassed?), which the public could watch. "So it's a totally open process," according to Frances.

Gee, how about holding elections on a Saturday? Maybe fielding worthwhile candidates? Free television and radio time to candidates and ballot propositions? Intelligent reporting by the mainstream media, radio, television and print?

That would make Arizona elections, even in Pima County, a "totally open process" Frances! Is it the water or the strange lights up there? . . .

The new total is? . . . Before the guilty verdict in his federal fraud trial, J. Fife Whitewash III took his family on the state airplane on three trips to his in-laws home in Santa Barbara, California, with tax payers footing the bill.

The cost? $10,000. Arizona taxpayers can stand in line to collect, behind the union pension funds, banks and savings and loans, investors in Southwest Savings and any real-estate project, err debacle, by Whitewash. . . .

Whitewash will spend the holidays with his family. The former governor, now convicted-felon, will face the music, February 2, 1998.

Why? Both the federal prosecutors and the Fifester's mouthpieces want more time to prepare various motions. Let's do the "Legalistic Tango!" . . .

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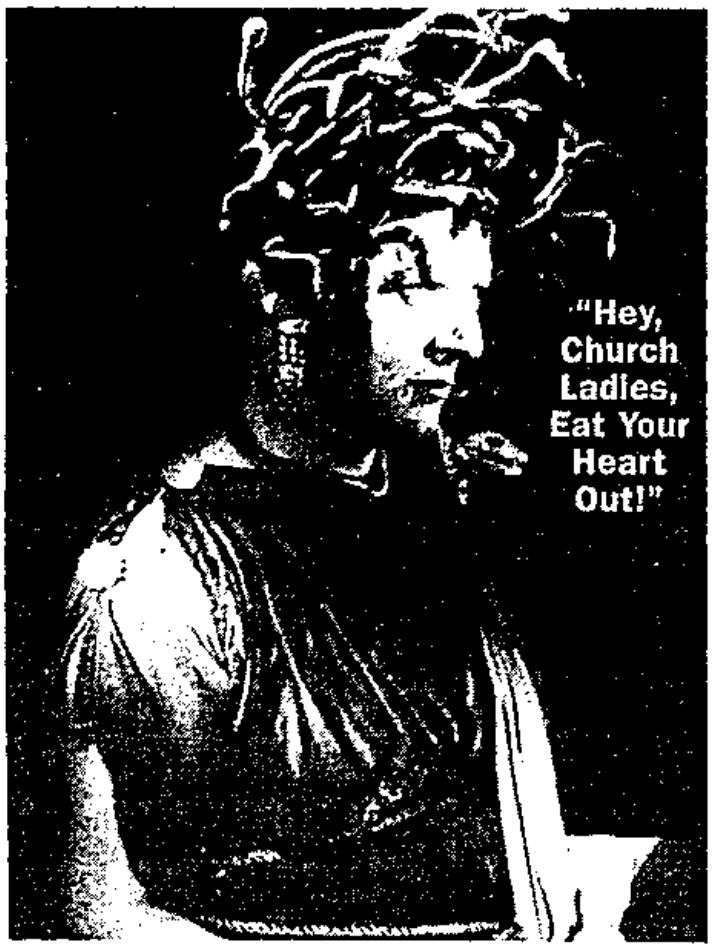

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I want to take this opportunity to thank Tatiana Ladanova, Lani, Vanilla, Starr, Crystal Blake for their wonderful female impersonation. I also want to thank Vangie and Roland Bayne for their fabulous live vocals - and thank you Roland for all your help and input and Mr. Rodney Shanks (a.k.a. Gilda Fatale), thank you for your auction expertise and a special thank you to Mr. Mike Jones of "Unique On Central of Tucson" for your gifts that were auctioned off.

Thank you so much, Frank and Dave, as well as staff of IBT's for letting me have the show at your nightclub. Last, but not least, thank you to all of you who generously gave your time and money to support your Gay pride picnic at Out-Ober-Fest '97 on October 18, 1997.

T.L.G.A., Brenda and I, your purple team, want to thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

Sincerely
Your Purple Team, Brenda and Shaundriana

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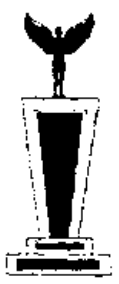

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Columna Abierta. . . . .

by Dr. Eleazar Garcia

¿Qué tál?: saludandoles con el "agradable sabor" que nos motivó la noticia internacional que se dió por la visita del Papa Juan Pablo II al Brazil; el país con mayor número de población católica, con gran número de personas infectadas con VIH/SIDA, con una marcada estadística sobre delincuencia juvenil, con una numerosa población de homosexuales y bisexuales y sobre todo con una gama de problemas sociales desde la pobreza hasta la violación de los derechos humanos; donde el mensaje Papal considera que el rechazo de los padres de familias a sus hijos homosexuales genera parte de esa situación social de nuestros hermanos brazileiros; entre otras aclaraciones que dió Juan Pablo II; mencionó que: ..."los hijos homosexuales también son hijos de Dios..."..."Quieranlos pues Dios también les quiere"....En entrevistas hechas por los diferentes medios informativos a los diferentes obizpos que se encontraban en la reunión Internacional de Obizpos en ese mismo país; sobre el mensaje del Papa en respecto a los homosexuales, hubo una gran variedad de respuestas y controversias; porque, desde luego que la Iglesia "no dará su brazo a torcer"... sobre la aceptación del homosexualismo en la religión. Se aclaró, que se sigue considerando al acto homosexual como inmoral, y por lo tanto no hay "justificación para el acto"...El caso fué que, a nivel local algunos camaradas "festejaron" con gran alboroto y grandes parrandas las recomendaciones del Papa y duraron todo el ffn de semana festejando y algunos hasta con lagrimas, pero de la risa por las expresiones cómicas y dialogos satíricos relacionados al mensaje Papal... Creo que algunos tienen el intento de seguir festejando por largo rato... Y se ha podido oír las diferentes opiniones que ha causado este hecho en algunas estaciones de radio en las que han podido dar opiniones los radioescuchas y desde luego, que se puede entender que será por largo tiempo el que se pueda llegar a un común acuerdo en torno a la preferencia sexual que todos y cada uno de nosotros tenemos libre desición y sobre todo respetar las decisiones de cada quien y ser respetados; y tratar de tener un "contacto espiritual" con nuestro Dios sea cual sea nuestra doctrina religiosa y cuidarnos, respetarnos y querernos....

Un cometario muy personal sobre el mencionado mensaje; es que muchas personas se quedaron con la idea que al incluír los problemas sociales que enfrenta el mundo entero, especificamente sobre lo de Violencia Familiar, SIDA, Drogadicción, Pobreza, etc. Creo que puede ser ligado de una manera u otra, pero no todos los homosexuales son drogadictos, ni causantes de todos los problemas sociales del mundo. Entiendo la conección que puede existir, pero no como causa directa. Y hoy escuché un comentario confundido en una radío local donde se culpa al homosexual de esos problemas sociales; es por eso que hay que educarnos, participar más en los movimientos locales, nacionales con el ffn de hacer valer nuestras garantías y derechos, sobre todo.

Otro mensaje que ha dado el Papa Juan Pablo II y que la Iglesia lo está preparando desde hace dos años; es la despedida del milenio; y el anima a todos los fieles a preparar con intensa devoción la conmemoración de la llegada de Cristo a la tierra. Es el Jubileo del año 2000, con cita en Roma, donde se espera que acudan más de 15 millones de personas. El objetivo de esta magna concentración de peregrinos es "el fortalecimiento de la fe y el testimonio de los cristianos". Si no puede ir, la televisión se lo acercará a su hogar. El 31 de diciembre de 1999 será viernes y siempre nos queda el consuelo de saber que hay dos días para desintoxicarse antes de volver a la rutina en el año 2000....Aunque quedan menos de mil días para el año 2000; ya hay comites planificadores para las grandes celebraciones, sobre todos los creativos de cómo convertir el último año de este siglo en un negocio rentable...Léase fabricantes de fuegos artificiales, los restorantes, los hoteles de lujo y sobre todos las principales agencias de viajes. Un ejemplo es que el Hotel Plaza de Nueva York, ya registró la primera inscripción hace diez años para pasar la nochevieja de 1999. Los estadounidenses han tomado muy en serio el cambio del milenio...

Por hoy es todo, le esperamos la próxima semana. D. M.

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The Tucson Lesbian and Gay Alliance (TLGA) volunteer board is working out the final details for OUToberFest 97. Less than two weeks to go!

OUToberFest 97 is for the community by the community and it needs just an hour or two of your valuable time to keep things running smoothly. Categories are gate check, ID check, soda server, set up, break down and clean up.

If you can help, please come to our next meeting, (our final meeting before the picnic), Tuesday, October 14, 7:00 P.M at Wingspan. If you are unable to attend but would like to help, jut call the OUTline, 622-3200. And one of our volunteers will call you back ASAP.

Everybody is welcome, so bring your heterosexual friends, relatives, children, and pets. Admission is free, the soda is free and beer by Budweiser will be a dollar each. There will be a variety of food and shopping from various vendors from around the USA. Be sure to catch the midday rally through the park being organized by Reveille.

TLGA was able to give $2,000 after OUToberFest 96 from a portion of the beer proceeds to Gay and Lesbian 501(c)3 organizations in Tucson. And we hope to be able to do the same this year if the funds are available after all bills are paid. There will be a meeting in November to assess the situation and get public input.

A big thank you to everybody that came out to the BBQ and show at IBT's last Sunday and for supporting Shaundriana (pink team) and for the great entertainment for the show, supporting your picnic. Also, big thanks to Dave for donating a $100 check to OUToberFest 97, and to Mike of Unique on Central in Tucson for donating the raffle items used to raise valuable funds. And be sure to be on the lookout for the new Blue team that has now joined in the competition for the King and Queen of Gay Pride.

TLGA is trying to do their best to produce a Gay pride event that helps Tucson celebrate its diversity and helps us gain equality through visibility, this year's international theme. Our posters and newly designed program/brochures are out and around town. Stay tuned for the entertainment schedule coming soon.

TLGA is looking forward to a fun day in the park with food, beverage, shopping, music and more. We'll see ya there.

New 'XENA' Season Begins

HOLLYWOOD, CA (NP) -- Yi Yi Yi Yi Yi! What more is there to say? Except maybe to note that she still "walks like a duck," if you know what we mean...

Yi Yi Yi Yi Yi! "Xena: Warrior Princess" opened its third season (Seen at Midnight, Saturdays, KVOA Channel 4 in Tucson), teasing Lesbians everywhere with visions of its Amazonian heroine (Lucy Lawless) being more than friends with her trusty sidekick Gabrielle (Renee O'Connor).

As a syndicated Universal TV program, airdates vary but those days are celebrated in Lesbian bars from coast to coast.

Producer Liz Friedman has said she has no need to portray the pair as heterosexual, but the series is sensitive to having children in the audience and seems to find more to do in playing with perceptions of the women's relationship than with coming out with a firm sexual orientation.

Action-packed, funny and smart, "Xena" ended its second season with a 6.2 rating average that knocked the current incarnation of "Star Trek" out of first place among syndicated weekly dramas for the first time in a decade. The show has been renewed through the year 2000, when New Zealand-born Lawless says she'll quit (and no, she won't do a movie either, she says).

The New Season: In the opener, the mythical Furies (also female, you'll recall) drive Xena insane for her failure to avenge her father's death, while another death caused by accident threatens the warrior princess' relationship with Gabrielle.

Later in the season, you can look forward to Xena meeting Cleopatra, Julius Caesar, and Lao Tzu . . . and to a musical episode in which Lawless gets to show off

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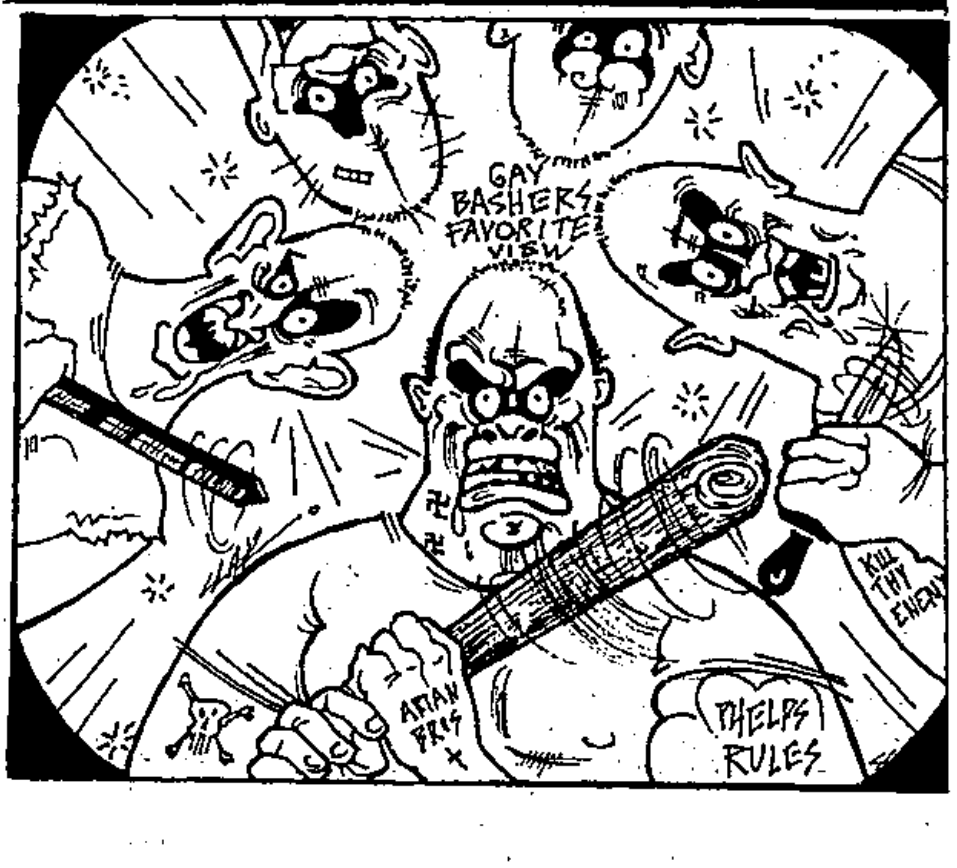
AS I SEE IT..... BY CLARK



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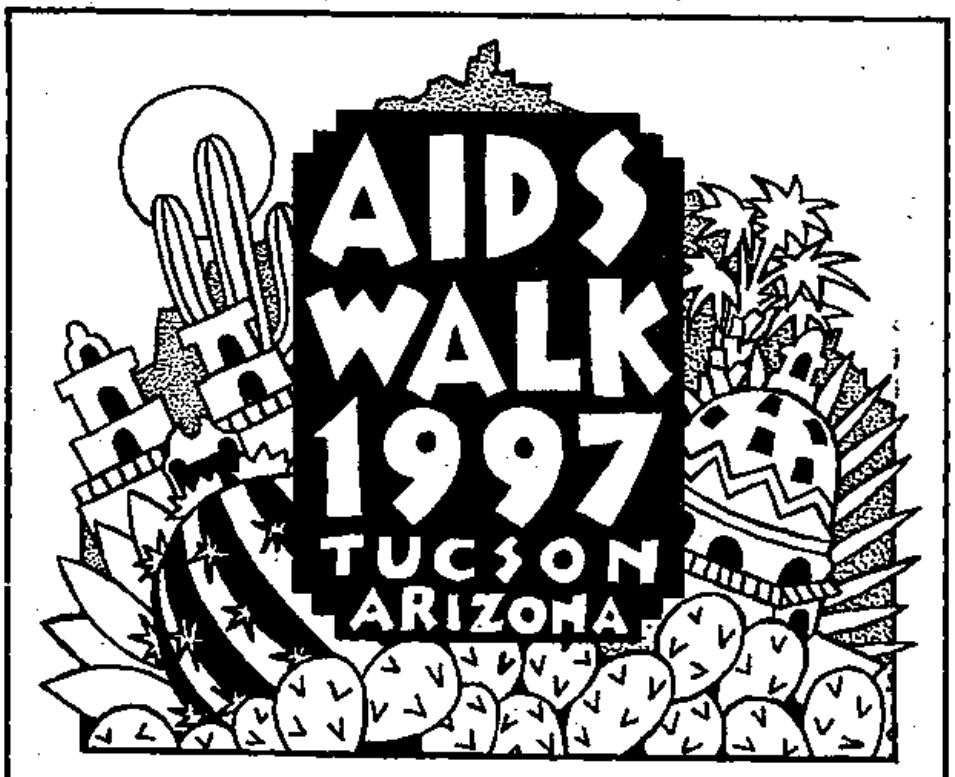

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Life Is A Drag . . . .

By Elise Barbara Fox

I have never seen a Tucson club so packed for a drag show. It was grand opening night for Neon Moon, our city's newest and only eastside suburban Gay nightspot. About 200 people showed up. It was standing room only.

The debut show there was Star Traxx, hosted by Larry Moore (a.k.a. Lucinda, queen of comedy). It was a bit amusing to have this premiere on the same day that 700,000 Christian Promise Keepers held their rally in Washington, D.C.

I suppose I am guilty.. Of causing "moral decay." As you probably know, National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, National Organization for Women and other civil liberties groups staged a protest Saturday against that rally. I get the impression these evangelical men don't like us and would prefer to strip us of any political and social rights. Intriguing. What was decided in Philadelphia in 1787 allows them to rally; us to party. And party it was.

(I don't like lock-step minds. It's only a short reach to jackboots and armbands.)

I know: the Catholic Church has problems with us too; but Pope John Paul speaks to conscience; not to politics. And this is the same church that now tells parents to love their Gay children. A major statement of tolerance

"Are 51 Hotline, you're on the air!" No, let's talk about UFO's, X-Files, The Visitor some other time. We are not "unidentified."

The things that delineate our community are honesty and integrity. Can the rest say the same? We have no Princess Diana, no Mother Theresa.., We need to champion ourselves. Not out of guilt created by society at large, but out of pride. I didn't intend a political column: that's in Mark Kerr's province. Besides, he's a better writer. So let me go on to more fun things.

Larry is a "promise keeper" (in lower case letters). We expected a great show. He delivered.

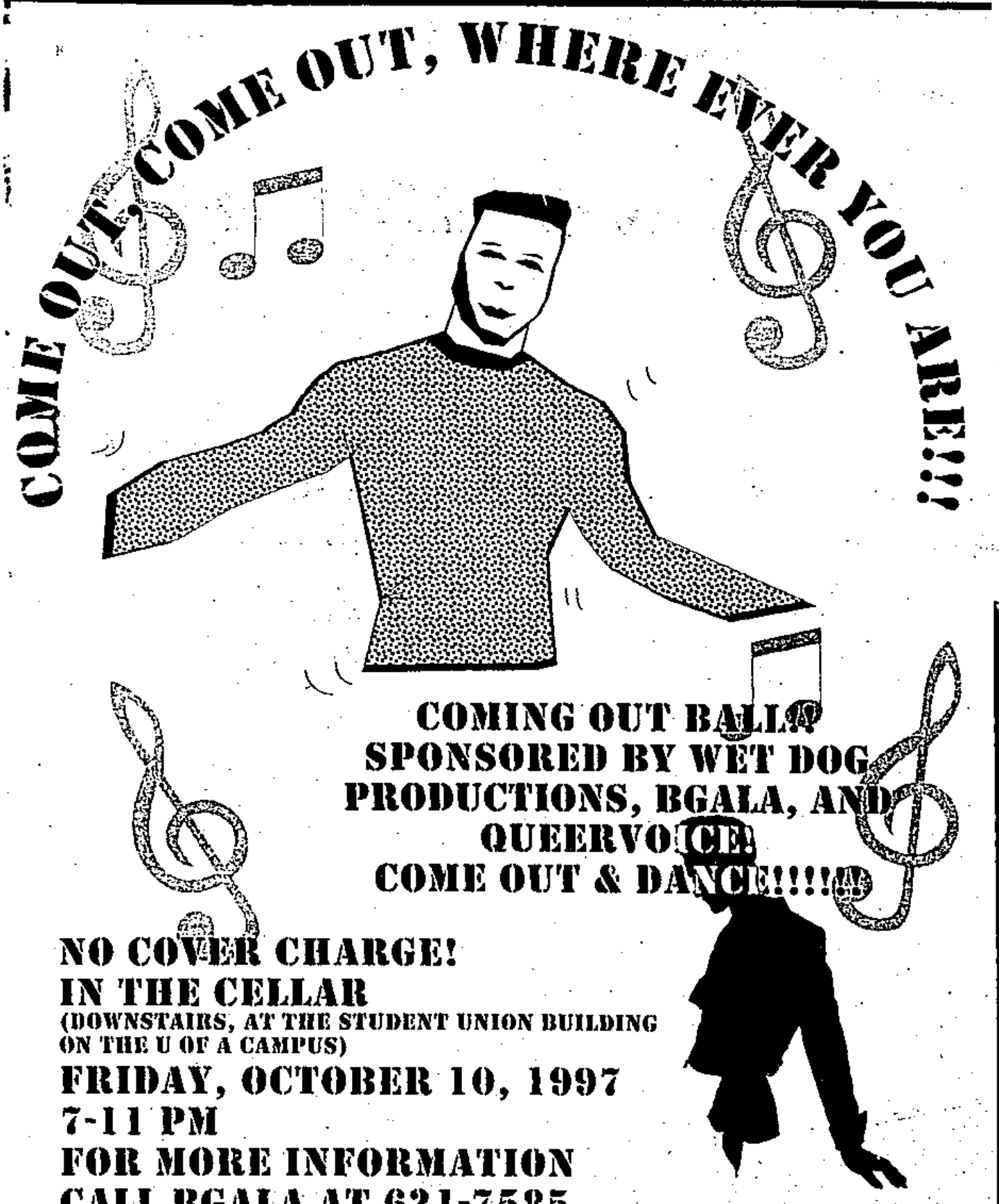
Memorable things: Mr. Kenneth Blake in an hysterical mimic of a Hooters girl. It was a brilliantly conceived act, complete with the appropriately filled T-shirt (a bit of social commentary on the interests of many "straight" men).

Ajia Simone, as cosmetic surgery fanatic Michael Jackson and superb comedy makeup. I could go on but those who crowded the bar know the talents of Felice Renard and Truly Fabu. Special guest, not on your flier; a legend, Mama Reyna. Space precludes me from enumerating a superb supporting cast.

Kudos: to Bob Ellis — color pages in The Observer. Is this a hidden agenda? Does he intend, like the big kids on South Park Avenue, to publish a food page? I'd be delighted to know some Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual or Transsexual recipes for yummy things I could steam or broil while I'm putting on my face.

And speaking of colorful things, Halloween. I spoke with Dave Huff at IBT's. He promises another spectacular party. Drag queens play dress up all year long; we're "out of the closet" because it's too stuffed with girl clothes to go inside. Halloween is your turn.

Here's the reason I'll never be a great drag girl: I can't master 5" spiked heels. I'll time, date myself, but I like those dainty Audrey Hepburn things.



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IT'S NEWS TO ME . . BY STEVE RISLEY

Phelps Revisited: Last week we caught up with America's most notorious gay basher and his band of merry funsters, the Rev. Fred Phelps and his Westboro Baptist Church located in Topeka, Kansas. Phelps is best known for picketing the funerals of noted homosexuals, demonstrating at Gay pride parades, dancing upon the graves of AIDS victims, and for his vehement, offensive and hate filled diatribes against homosexuals.

(For those of you who are unfamiliar with the Rev. Phelps or are interested in reading a fascinating and detailed history of his evolution from model child to rabid Gay basher, crank up your computer and go to the internet site at http://-www.kaupe.com/expose.html. It's a riveting, revealing and chilling biography of Phelps by a Topeka, Ks., journalist and newspaper reporter detailing a long history of violence, vicious wife beating and child abuse, fraud, disbarment, mental illness, sexual aberration, drug abuse and use of psychological terror.)

As I reported in last week's column, the internet service provider Phelps had been using as a host for his website called www.godhatesfags.com had tossed him off thereby forcing him to cast about for alternate access. He managed to find a new one, KCOne in Kansas City, Ks., and last Wednesday his site was back in operation.

Although "anal copulating sodomites" receive the brunt of Phelps venomous attacks, various other articles condemn the late Princess Diana ("Requiem for a Royal Whore") and Mother Theresa ("Mother Theresa in Hell"). Phelps also lashes out at every local government institution and group in Topeka from the mayor, the police department, city attorney, and the zoning board on down screaming they are all infested and run by "whores, sodomites, fags and Lesbians." (Gasp!)

Editorial cartoons feature caricatures of local officials with their pants down around their ankles or dressed in drag. A list of "fag churches" is also provided which names every denomination known to mankind. It seems that no group or entity measures up to his standards and he declares, "Filthy criminal gays and lesbians totally control America."

Inexplicably, the site features a copy of a one page letter Phelps sent to the Chinese ambassador to the United States last July. It includes: 1) condolences on the death of Chairman Deng (and notes that he had previously sent his sympathies and a lovely floral arrangement to the Chinese people), 2) offers congratulations on wresting Hong Kong from the grasp of the British thugs, and 3) includes a heartfelt expression of sympathy for years of oppression he claims China has suffered at the hands of the U.S. government and an assurance he shares the pain.

God only knows how Phelps will react when he discovers there are Chinese homosexuals, but it's a good bet he'll probably want the flowers back.

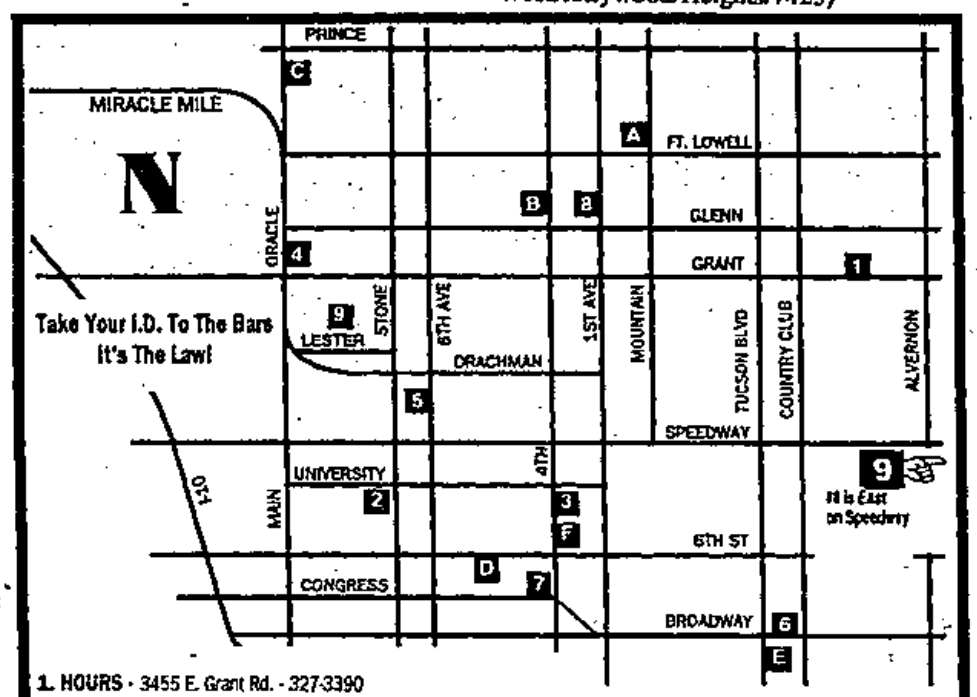
Whether or not KCOne knew who it was getting involved with when it agreed to provide internet access to Phelps is unknown but there is no question that they soon found out how people felt about it. Reaction was swift and massive as word quickly spread throughout the Gay and Lesbian community on the internet. A flood of emails in protest poured in from across the country and around the world. CNN reportedly picked up the scent and contacted KCOne about the dissent.

As a consequence of the fallout KCOne issued a press release through its website last Friday expressing its general policy on "free speech" issues but stating that it was reviewing general operating policy taking into consideration "community standards". Further, they announced they would be deliberating whether or not to continue to host Phelp's website and would reach a decision on the matter by Oct. 24th.

Apparently they didn't need three weeks to make up their mind because last Saturday, one day later, they issued a second press release announcing they had pulled the plug on Phelp's. Praise the Lord.

And then it was now.....

(Steve Risley's internet site can be accessed at http://www.geocities.com/-WestHollywood/Heights/7423)



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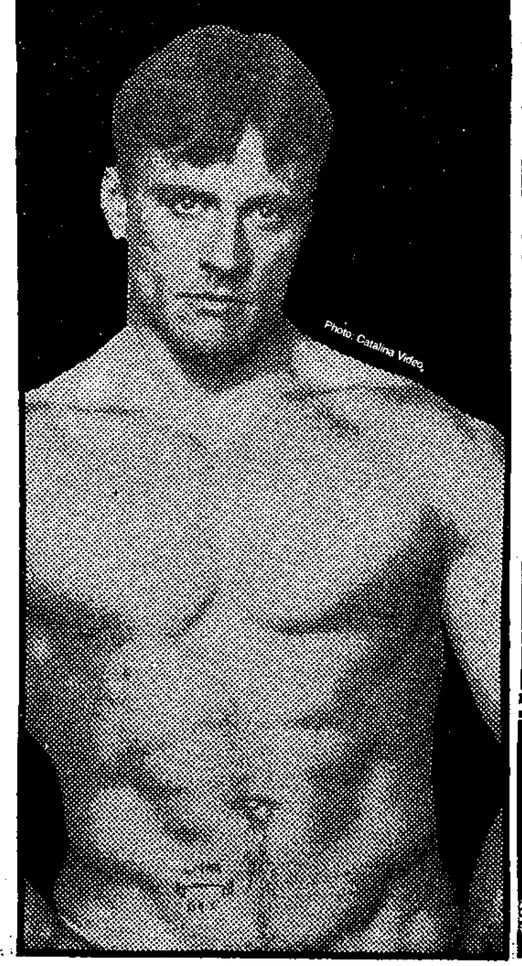

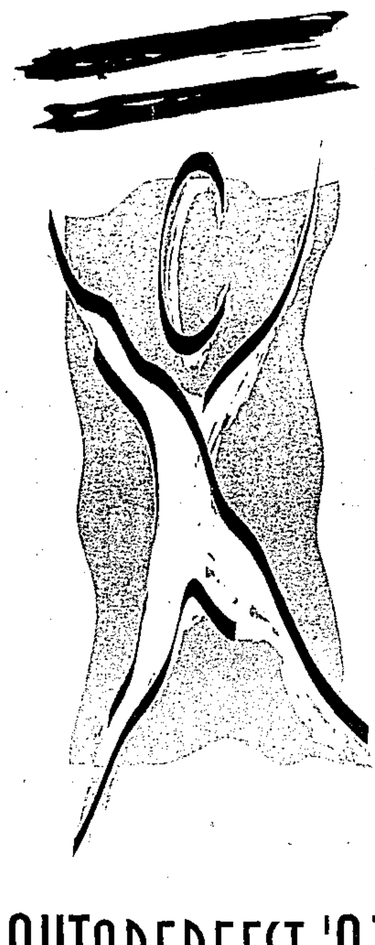

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HOME ON THE RANGE WITH AGRA-TUCSON

by Scott Weidamoyer

AGRAWORLD plans continue to roll along in preparation for OUToberFest 97 to be held October 18. Again, we will be there . . . bigger and better than ever! We need help in putting it all together and if you interested in helping out at Pride, call us at the AGRA Hotline.

AGRA will also be holding our AGRAWORLD kickoff party at the Neon Moon, Saturday, October 11. Come join us for a really great time and plenty of entertainment.

Also, AGRA is continuing to plan for the 1998 Saguaro Regional Rodeo in March. We are putting final touches on Tri-folds and the rodeo poster and are in the planning process for the Rodeo Program.

If you have any ideas for this year's Grand Marshall, please submit your nominations in writing to the AGRA office at the address below. Please be sure to check with the person that you are nominating to see if they are interested, prior to writing your letter. This will save AGRA time in the selection process.

There will be a section of the program this year in which I ask for everyone's help. I am planning to have a "Friends of the Rodeo" Sponsor section in the program. This section will be for those who would like to sponsor a 10-word line in the program. This line may be used however you want it to be used. I.E. Remembering lost loved ones, wishing a rodeo contestant luck or even for just your name.

Each line will be $10 and a maximum of 10 words per line. This is your way to show your support in the 1998 Saguaro Regional Rodeo as well as get your name in the program.

This year's program is going back to the traditional 8.5" x 11" size. Which brings me to the next point, program ads are also for sale. Full page, $225; half page, $150; quarter page, $90 and; business cards, $40. Please feel free to contact me, 792-5653, with any questions you may have regarding ad space.

Phoenix will be hosting the IGRA finals rodeo, October 23-26. It is going to be a great time and also a great opportunity to meet fellow cowboys and cowgirls from all over. Call the hotline for more information.

Not a lot to report this week. It has been really quiet, that's alright, after Phoenix; we can get back into the gossip mode.

AGRA-Tucson would like to congratulate Lee Nordmark and the staff of HOURS on their seventh anniversary. HOURS is a Champion Member of AGRA-Tucson.

Please join Lee and the staff in their anniversary celebration, Saturday, October 11, at HOURS.

Here are a few upcoming rodeos that you may be interested in taking part in: IGRA Finals Rodeo - Phoenix, AZ - October 23-26. Texas Gay Rodeo - Houston, TX - November 6-9. The Road Runner Regional Rodeo - Phoenix, AZ - January 16-18, 1998.

Until next week, keep your pride and always play safe in the saddle.

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IN FLIGHT . . . WINGSPAN

Hearing Our Stories Told

by Rich Muszynski

The third annual Wingspan Lesbian and Gay Film Festival shows later this month. Wingspan brings these films to Tucson so that our Lesbian and Gay stories can be told and heard.

Communities form, grow, and develop through shared experience and the meaning we attribute to life events. Telling stories is one way communities create meaning. As Gay and Lesbian people, we have often been cut off from hearing our stories told.

When I was a kid, my mom had a lot of conflict with the stories that came to our household through the television. She forbade my brothers, sisters, and I from watching the sitcom "Soap" because Billy Crystal portrayed a Gay character in the series.

On two occasions, she became so angry at the sexual content portrayed on television that she cut the wire that led from the TV to the electrical outlet (once while it was still plugged in). After months without TV, my dad eventually bought replacements. I don't think it was to see sex. I think he just missed "Mannix" and "Bonanza."

What stories could be so powerful that some is willing to risk electrocution in an effort to stop the stories from being told? What are the stories we have to tell about being Gay and Lesbian? What are Gay and Lesbian stories? A friend of mind once told me, only half-jokingly, that I'm not really Gay until I've seen "Gone with the Wind." Already being a Kinsey 6, I wondered what would happen to me if I did watch it. Would I become ultra-Gay? SuperGay?

Coming out stories are Gay and Lesbian stories. We've certainly been telling stories about dying. What stories can we tell about falling in love, falling out of love, raising kids, being raised by our parents, growing old?

What stories can we tell about how we do gender, how we do marriage, how we do friendship, and how we do work? What stories can we tell about what makes us angry, what makes us cry, what makes us laugh? We have a whole slew of comedies, tragedies, mysteries, romances, adventures, fantasies, musicals, biographies and documentaries waiting to be put to the film.

Buy a few tickets to the film festival, and with two thumbs up, I'll see you at the movies. We'll learn about ourselves and each other, and maybe we'll learn what makes us a community.

A View From The Rock

A Commentary From Cornerstone Fellowship

Several months ago we got a new computer. The one we previously owned was about ten years old, which made it a computer dinosaur-at least that's what my spouse called it! Anyway, our new computer has Windows 95 installed in it.

One of the games that came with the computer is FreeCell. This game is a variation of solitaire in which all cards are placed face up in eight rows. Above and to the right of the visible cards are four cells where cards are to be placed beginning with the ace and continuing through each suit of cards to the king. To the left of these cells are another four open cells. The object of the game is to move the cards in such a way that the game is won when all the cards are in suit/number order on top of the aces. The free cells can only hold one card each, a fact which makes the game quite a challenge!

When I began playing FreeCell several weeks ago, it didn't take me long to reach a point in a game where I had to quit because I was unable to see any more moves. There are something like 20,000 possible games to play, so I had no qualms about beginning a new one. After a while, however, I discovered an option that had been unknown to me. Instead of quitting a game when I was unable to continue, I could just "restart" the same game. That way, I had the opportunity to replay the same game, hopefully remembering what didn't work from the last game and trying another strategy. Sometimes that works, but often I have to try many times before I can finally win a particular game!

Wouldn't it be great if life were like that? Wouldn't it be great if every time we made a mistake all we would have to do is push a "restart" button and we would have another opportunity? That way we would never have to worry about making wrong decisions! If we inadvertently said or did something to hurt someone, just a tap on that reset button would erase our mistake as if it had never occurred! The person we offended wouldn't even remember what had happened! If we accidently wrote checks for more money that we had in our checking account, reset time! The possibilities are endless!

But God has not allowed our lives to have this option. So what are we to do? Who is there to guide us and help us avoid the pitfalls all around us? God tells us in Psalm 32:8, "I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you and watch over you." What a promise! The great God who knows all is willing to show us the way! To whom is this promise given? The first verse of this psalm has the answer, "Blessed is he whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered." All who have accepted Jesus as their savior and have their sins covered by his blood can claim this promise!

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Lesbian & Gay Activists Named To White House Staff

WASHINGTON, DC (NP) -- The Clinton Administration will get a terrific boost from the ministrations of a Lesbian activist, the second in as many weeks, whose abilities have been hailed in movement and government bureaucracies alike.

Veteran Lesbian activist Virginia "Ginny" Apuzzo, former executive director of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, was formally announced as the Clinton administration's new Assistant to the President for Management and Administration.

The 18 Assistant to the President positions are considered to be second only to Cabinet posts, making Apuzzo the highest-ranking Lesbian or Gay ever in the U.S. government, surpassing Roberta Achtenberg's previous role as Assistant Secretary for Housing and Urban Development and Bruce Lehman's current titles in the Department of Commerce.

The job does not require confirmation by the Senate.

Although Apuzzo's particular Management and Administration assistantship does not promise much visibility, it is does bring essentially unlimited access to the President. It's very much a nuts-and-bolts role, including direction of all management and administration functions of the White House complex and oversight of all the agencies of the Executive Office of the President. Some specific areas of responsibility included in the job are the White House intern program, travel office (not always a haven of obscurity), photography office, and telephone service.

National Gay and Lesbian organizations welcomed the appointment, one of well over 100 hires of open Gays and Lesbians that have been made by the Clinton administrations.

"By judging applicants on their qualifications rather than their sexual orientation, President Clinton continues to set a shining example for all fair-minded employers to follow. . . . Every Gay man and Lesbian should feel tremendous pride in what Ginny Apuzzo has accomplished," said Brian Bond, executive director of the Victory Fund.

"We applaud this appointment as yet another step in President Clinton's promise to make his administration look like America, and we look forward to more appointments and nominations of openly Gay people in Clinton's second term," said Human Rights Campaign executive director Elizabeth Birch.

"This is historic. She has impeccable professional credentials -- that she's an activist is icing on the cake," said Kerry Lobel, current holder of Apuzzo's former post at the helm of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF). "Her tenure with NGLTF brought impressive visibility to the movement. Her solid perspective on Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender issues will be a tremendous asset to the Administration."

For the last year, Apuzzo has been serving in another Administration appointment, as associate deputy Secretary of Labor. From 1994 - 1996, she was appointed by New York Governor Mario Cuomo to act as President of the New York State Civil Service Commission and Commissioner of the New York State Department of Civil Service, receiving the New York State Civil Service Merit Council's Outstanding Public Service Award in 1996.

From 1991 - 1994, she served as Executive Deputy Commissioner of the New York State Division of Housing and Community Renewal, and for six years prior to that as Deputy Executive Director of the New York State Consumer Protection Board.

During the late 1980's after her stint at the head of NGLTF, Apuzzo also served as Cuomo's liaison to the Lesbian and Gay community. She was also Vice Chair of the New York State AIDS Advisory Council of the New York State Department of Health from 1985 - 1996. Before that she held a series of positions with the City of New York and as a tenured lecturer at Brooklyn College of the City University of New York. Before coming out, Apuzzo was a Roman Catholic nun.

Ginny Apuzzo won't be lonely at lunchtime with open Lesbian Karen Tramontano's appointment to another key White House post and open Gay John Berry expected to be confirmed this week.

Without the high-profile congratulations that accompanied Virginia "Ginny" Apuzzo's appointment as White House assistant to the president for management and administration or the confirmation hearing spotlight that will shine upon assistant secretary of the Interior for policy, management and budget nominee John Berry next week.

Open Lesbian Karen Tramontano was appointed to serve as deputy assistant to the president and counsel to the Office of Chief of Staff. A labor lawyer and activist, Tramontano was D.C. mayor Sharon Pratt Kelly's staff chief from 1991 to 1995, then went on to head the Service Employees International Union.

Tramontano's portfolio emphasizes labor policy, and she plans to deal specifically with issues concerning unions and working families. She told the press that her agenda would also include domestic partnership benefits, "if that comes up."

If Berry passes muster with the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (and no problems are anticipated there), his staff ranking will be about equivalent to that of Bruce Lehman, assistant secretary and commissioner of patents and trademarks at the Commerce Department since President Clinton's first term, who now also serves as acting chairperson of the National Endowment for the Humanities.

Tramontano's position out-ranks both of them, and Apuzzo tops them all as the all-time highest-ranking Lesbian or Gay in a federal job.

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New "XENA' Season

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her trained singing voice (she's currently midway through a seven-week run of "Grease" on Broadway, her first stage and vocal appearance).

How They Feel About the Lesbian Thing: Lawless to "Yahoo Internet Life" magazine in May: "We find it mildly amusing and then we just get on with our day. We love all our audiences: all colors, races, creeds, sexuality. And I have to say that we do want to push the boundaries of what's acceptable on television. Nobody wanted to put on a female hero show, so we always felt like the underdog and we still do. We're just going to keep our noses to the grindstone and keep challenging mores. We don't want to make blancmange -- it's a French white pudding made out of God knows what. It's bland, nothing. That's what we don't want to make. We mean to make a path and be radical and challenging."

O'Connor to "People Magazine" in August: "I find the whole thing fascinating. We're talking about two women with a strong friendship. People see into that all sorts of things. It's become a cult unto itself. We accept it as a subtext. I mean, there is a love between us, and as long as we play the innocence of that . . . people can believe whatever they want. We like to keep them guessing."

Lawless to the "San Francisco Bay Guardian" in May: "We do have fun with that aspect but I never want to shove it down people's throats because it can also be alienating, and we don't want to do that to any sector of our audience. But we don't want to alienate our Lesbian following. We love 'em all equally."

Executive Producer Robert Tapert, Lawless' real-life partner, to the "San Francisco Chronicle" in May: "I have a huge following of kids who look at them as absolute role models, so we try to present the broadest picture."

Hudson Leick, who plays the recurring role of Xena's rival Callisto, described a moment of heat and role confusion to the "Bay Guardian:" "My character is obsessed with Xena. She loves Xena and hates Xena and wants to be Xena. . . . There was one point [in "A Necessary Evil"] where I could get really close to Xena physically, and it felt so odd! I was circling her and I remember [thinking], 'It's Hudson and it's Callisto; what am I going to do with this? She's letting me get really close to her. Oh boy, oh boy, she's letting me close to her! What am I gonna do? What am I gonna do? Ooh, I feel weird.'"

Elsewhere in TV Land: Send condolences to Patrick Bristow (Peter on "Ellen") -- "Head Over Heels" (UPN), in which he played "Ian," a celibate former omnisexual counselor at a dating service, has become the very first casualty of the new season.

And send a fan letter to Ellen DeGeneres -- according to "New York" magazine, an internal memo placed her TVQ rating at -49, tying her with Robin Givens (post-Tyson) as the least popular woman in primetime -- but can that be true? In its second week of the new season, "Ellen" led its timeslot in the ratings.

Youth Conference In L.A. Oct. 25

LOS ANGELES, CA -- The fifth annual Models of Pride Conference for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Youth will be held Saturday, October 25, at Occidental College in Eagle Rock.

Sponsored by the Los Angeles Unified School District, this free conference is being produced by the LAUSD Gay and Lesbian Education Commission, and is targeted at youth, aged 14-23, who are coping with the issues of coming out, or simply exploring the nature of their sexual orientation.

This year's program will include sessions on sexual orientation and ethnicity, coming out, health issues, how to become more involved in the community, Bisexual and Transgender issues, financial management, and how to raise a family, as well as plenty of opportunities for networking and socializing.

The conference will conclude with a Models of Pride panel with many noteworthy community members, and will be followed by a dinner and dance. Registration begins at 8:30 A.M. at Thorne Hall, with the program beginning at 9:30 A.M. The dance will conclude at 8:30 P.M.

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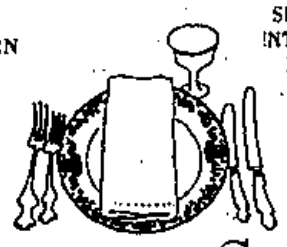

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NEW YORK, NY (AP) -- U.S. Catholic bishops are advising parents of Gay children to put love and support for their sons and daughters before church doctrine that condemns homosexual activity.

In a groundbreaking pastoral letter, the bishops say homosexual orientation is not freely chosen and parents must not reject their Gay children in a society full of rejection and discrimination.

"All in all, it is essential to recall one basic truth. God loves every person as a unique individual. Sexual identity helps to define the unique person we are," the bishops say. "God does not love someone any less simply because he or she is homosexual."

The document, titled "Always Our Children," was approved by the Administrative Board of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops early in September and released last week.

The bishops' Committee on Marriage and Family, headed by Bishop Thomas O'Brien of Phoenix, wrote the report on which the letter was based.

In the last two decades, with almost every other church struggling over Gay ordination or efforts to ease condemnatory church doctrine, the Roman Catholic Church has stood firm, teaching that homosexual activity is morally wrong.

But the mounting turmoil and pain felt by Catholics torn between church teaching and love for their Gay children prompted several bishops to request guidance from the Committee on Marriage and Family. The committee began studying the conflict in 1992.

Five years later, the bishops in their letter describe parents who suffer guilt, shame and loneliness because their children are Gay and report that "a shocking number" of homosexual youth are rejected by their families and end up on the streets.

The parental rejection, along with the other pressures faced by young Gays and Lesbians, place them at greater risk of drug abuse and suicide, the bishops said.

Why the form of a pastoral letter from the church's spiritual leaders?

"Primarily to get them to accept the fact that their son or daughter is Gay or Lesbian, and that their child was not damned forever," Bishop Joseph Imesch of Joliet, Illinois, chairman of the Committee on Pastoral Practices, said in an interview.

The Vatican, in the new Catholic Catechism and in the pronouncements of Pope John Paul II, has staunchly held that sex is morally acceptable only within the bounds of heterosexual marriage.

And the U.S. bishops' letter in no way abandons Catholic doctrine. It states clearly that sexual activity between same-sex partners is immoral and that the letter is not to be understood "'as an endorsement of what some would call a 'homosexual lifestyle.'" It draws a distinction, however, between homosexual orientation and sexual activity.

In the letter, the bishops urge parents to encourage their children to lead a chaste life and, at times, to challenge aspects of their children's lives they find objectionable.

But the bishops also tell parents that maintaining relationships with their children should be their primary goal.

"First, don't break off contact; don't reject your child," the bishops say. Instead, they say, create an atmosphere in which a child would be willing to discuss his or her sexual orientation.

"This child, who has always been God's gift to you, may now be the cause of another gift: your family becoming more honest, respectful and supportive," the bishops said.

The document also encourages priests to welcome homosexuals into parishes, to help establish or promote support groups for parents of Gay children and to let people know from the pulpit and elsewhere that they are willing to talk about homosexual issues.

When they lead chaste lives, homosexuals should be given leadership opportunities in the church, the bishops said.

"Generally, homosexual orientation is experienced as a given, not as something freely chosen," the bishops said. "By itself, therefore, a homosexual orientation cannot be considered sinful, for morality presumes the freedom to choose."

"The basic hope here," said Bishop O'Brien of Phoenix, "is that parents will accept their children, regardless of their sexual orientation."

Mary Ellen Lopata, co-founder of the Catholic Gay and Lesbian Ministry in the Diocese of Rochester, N.Y., said many parents struggle with the conflict between loving their child and their understanding that church teaching condemns that child.

"For them to hear the bishops say to love their child first is very important and can go a long way to help them resolve those conflicts and begin some healing," she said.

Imesch, head of the Pastoral Practices committee, said the church is nowhere near even discussing whether it could ever consider homosexual acts morally acceptable.

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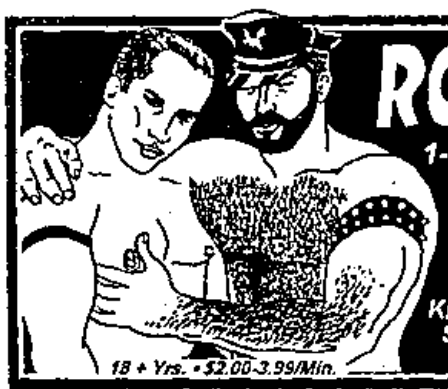

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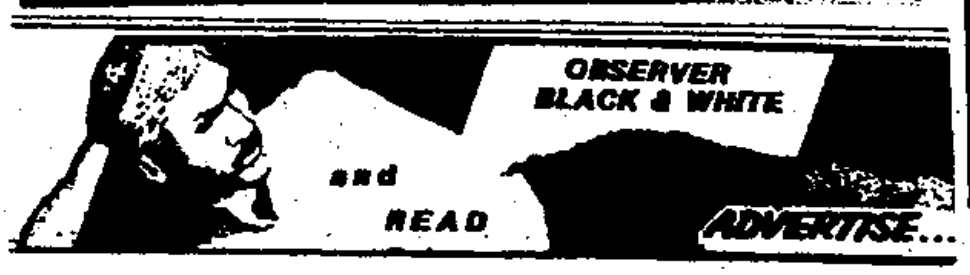

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Also performing is "Reveille," Tucson's Gay Men's Chorus, who through the artistic direction of James Gall, are also coordinating "A Gathering of Pride," a mini-rally tat will parade through the festival ground at 1:30 P.M., led by the U of A Percussion Band, and followed by many community groups and anyone who wishes to march in the rally.

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Rockin' the stage in the afternoon will also be "Shrieking Violets," made up of former "Horton and Hill" fame, Tyler Woods and Rebecca Horton, and the incredible guitar licks of former "Friendly Fire" member, Mitzi Cowell.

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SPORTS

Desert Coyotes Bowling League Standings

	WON	LOST
Prickly Pears	11.0	5.0
Six	10.5	5.5
Four	9.0	7.0
Wee Blows	8.0	8.0
Foot Long Hot Dogs	8.0	8.0
Smokin Bears	8.0	8.0
Tres Amigos	7.5	8.5
Triple Dickys!	7.0	9.0
Triple T	7.0	9.0
Buddies	7.0	9.0
Erratica II	7.0	9.0
Three of a Kind	6.0	10.0

Lambda Lizards Bowling League Standings

	WON	LOST
One	5.0	3.0
Four	5.0	3.0
Two	3.0	5.0
Miracles Happen	3.0	5.0

Hate Crimes

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Tucson, 791-4444; South Tucson, 622-0655.

If you're not sure whether the incident was a bias(hate) crime, call your local law enforcement agency. If you're sure it was a hate crime, when you do report the incident, give detailed information such as: The crime itself. Where and what time to the incident take place. Witnesses. A description of the suspect and was a vehicle used.

Graffiti, arson, theft, physical or verbal assault, intimidation, ritualistic abuse and sex crimes are just some other examples of hate(bias) crimes.

Groups, often gangs or cults, look for "action" by preying on others. These people target public buildings and property, such as G/L bars, community centers, Synagogues and Cemeteries.

After you have reported the incident, you may want to talk to someone about it.

Tucson has many social agencies and groups, such as the NAACP, 622-8277; Help on Call, 323-9373; the Tucson Rape Crisis Center, 327-7272; Tucson Urban League, 791-9522; LULAC, 629-1358; Chicanos Por La Causa, 882-0018 and; Wingspan, 624-1779, which offers counseling services to victims of such crimes.

This is Arizona, there are no laws on the books against bias crimes.

An incorrect statement. After years of hard work, especially by St. Rep Robin Shaw, R-Phoenix, a statewide hate crimes ordinance, with enhanced criminal penalties was passed by the Arizona Legislature and signed by the governor this spring. This law includes sexual orientation as one of the protected categories.

In addition, the City of Tucson has a hate crimes ordinance on their books, with full criminal penalties, and, listing sexual orientation as one of the protected categories.

Stop the hate. Report the crime. End the fear.

HOROSCOPES

BY C. LICHTENSTEIN

Romantic Venus changes signs this week, leading us into 28 days of new temptations. As it travels through Sagittarius, this delightful planet "conjuncts" both aggressive Mars and transforming Pluto, setting off intensive and lusty quests for fulfillment. Where will you sugar your roll? Ready your sweet tooth and take a bite.

ARIES
MARCH 21 - APRIL 20

Proud Rams are primed for adventure when Venus enters the worldly sign of Sagittarius. It's time to scratch those itchy hooves and travel far afield. I look into my crystal ball and see love with an improper stranger . . . with a foreign accent . . . in a junk . . . or is it a soak? (The ball may be foggy but some people like it that way.)

TAURUS
APRIL 21 - MAY 21

Lusty queer Bulls feel even more enthusiastic when Venus enters Sagittarius. Not only does this lovely planet stir up the embers of passion by conjuncting energetic Mars, but will also give you a new perspective on life with the transit to Pluto. It's always good to experience life from a different angle, in this case, prone.

GEMINI
MAY 22 - JUNE 21

Look no further than your own back yard for happiness, dear, queer Gemini. Venus' foray into Sagittarius highlights partnerships and reinforces the need for commitment and sharing. Transits to both Mars and Pluto seems to heighten the need for one to one connection to a fevered pitch. Breathe in and breathe out cousin; take things one tiny steps at a time.

CANCER
JUNE 22 - JULY 23

Although it may seem tempting, try to keep your heart in check on the job. Over the desk romances always sound interesting and tempting, but can wind up being rather uncomfortable (especially if you forget to put the sharpener in the drawer). Venus in Sagittarius encourages you to throw caution to the wind, and the transits to Pluto and Mars create a wind tunnel.

LEO
JULY 24 - AUGUST 23

The travels and transits of Venus can cause quite a ruckus in your chart now. Eat drink and be merry but beware of indigestion as this delightful planet conjuncts both Pluto and Mars. Pastimes become full times as the drive to create and enjoy reaches a fevered pitch. They say genius is 1% inspiration and 99% perspiration. How true . . .

VIRGO
AUGUST 24 - SEPTEMBER 23

The home fires burn and queer Virgos stoke the flames. Venus in Sagittarius transit both Mars and Pluto and causes some intense interactions with relatives. The intensity of the situation is warranted and you are advised to choose your words carefully, but on no account continue to compromise yourself. Pluto is transformation; get transformed.

LIBRA
SEPTEMBER 24 - OCTOBER 23

As diplomatic as you usually are, Venus in Sagittarius will tempt you to speak freely and rather carelessly. The fur flies! Words have a way of getting away from you and take on a life of their own. This may not be a bad thing. If you wear your heart on your sleeve, some caring stranger may scoop it up for safe keeping.

SCORPIO
OCTOBER 24 - NOVEMBER 22

Passionate Gay Scorps can be seduced by the smell of money during the Venus transit. Financial security becomes a magnificent obsession as aggressive Mars and volcanic Pluto conjunct with Venus. Frankly, I've always found it advisable to buy stocks low and sell them high. It seems to be the fastest path to a secure retirement.

SAGITTARIUS
NOVEMBER 23 - DECEMBER 22

Fabulous Venus in your own sign demonstrates why Gay Archers are one of the most charismatic folks. But beware of Venus' transit to Mars and Pluto. The temptation may be to open that big yap of yours and settle an old score but your must know that revenge is one of the few dishes that is best eaten cold . . . and quietly.

CAPRICORN
DECEMBER 23 - JANUARY 20

The overwhelming urge to do good may unnerve even the most composed Gay Goats. Venus is Sagittarius, conjunct Mars and Pluto, makes you the wild, Gay doyenne of the charity circuit. You become a veritable tornado of good Gay deeds. Stand Out, set the standard and get things done, but know when to take a breather or pass the torch to the next young thing.

AQUARIUS
JANUARY 21 - FEBRUARY 19

The Miss America pageant may be over and done, but that doesn't seem to stop Aqueerians from seeking the title of Miss Popularity. Roving Venus in Sagittarius transits Mars and Pluto and creates a social whirlwind that can be driven to excess. Pacing is everything, cousin don't try to take on more than you can handle in two hands, but grab firmly.

PISCES
FEBRUARY 20 - MARCH 20

If greed is good, pink Fish are the greatest. Venus in Sagittarius shines a beneficial light on career concerns, but the transit to Mars and Pluto makes any effort to improve your professional standing an exercise in sharp, political maneuvering. Little fish can become hungry sharks under this transit. Heck, they can become piranhas. Power breakfast anyone?

For entertainment purposes only. For best results, read both your Sun sign and Ascendant. For a free ascendant calculation, send birth-date, time, place, name of this publication and s.a.s.e. to: Lichtenstein, POB 1726, Old Chelsea Station, NY 10011.

Play Safe!

CALENDAR of upcoming events

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 8
IBT'S - The Love Company presents "Puttin' On The Lips" Lipsinc Contest hosted by Kirk and featuring Victoria Du Puis and Felica Renard.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 9
STONEWALL/EGLE - "Wig Out!" Wig contest for the biggest wig, most outrageous and most imaginative wigs. Sign-up 9:00 pm.

FRI-SAT-SUN, OCTOBER 10-11-12
HOURS - It's the 7th Anniversary for hOURS Make it on over and join in on the celebration.

VENTURE-N - Octoberfest all three days here. Lederhosen optional. Party - Fun - Food.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 10
AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - Blues Night Is Back! The Biz is proud to welcome Anna Warf Music starts at 6:00 p.m. Cover. Hourly drink specials.

HOURS - 6:00 p.m. "Promo Night" with all of hOUR's vendors participating all night long. Drink specials, give-aways, etc.

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Live Vocals by David Craig. 9:30 p.m. No Cover.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11
GRADUATE - Tucson Knight Owls (TKO)Beer Bust today from 2:00 until 6:00 p.m. Come on by and see the 'boys'.

HOURS - The anniversary party continues. Come dance the night away at the big party.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12
BOOM BOOMS - Mr. Gay Hispanidad Pageant in the "Other" Room. Doors open at 7:00 p.m. Pageant starts at 8:00 p.m. with a Dance Party following.

IBT'S - Benefit Show and Auction for Desert Voices. The benefit starts with the all you can eat Bar-B-Que and 16oz. Beer Bust for Desert Voices from 4:30 to 7:00 p.m. The Bar-B-Que will feature Polish Sausage, Hot German Potato Salad, Chicken Burgers and more! Then the 9:00 p.m. show starring Felice Renard, Truly Fabu and Victoria Du Puis. Auction, Balloon Pop, Show, Food! Who could ask for anything more.

HOURS - Finishing off the big anniversary weekend with some country dance instructions, dancing, pool tournaments and fun.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 13
AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - Monday Night Football! Cowboys vs. Redskins!! Wear a team jersey (any team) and get disc. Drinks all night! Come cheer, yell and shout for your favorite team. Free hot dogs.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 15
IBT'S - 9:00 p.m. "Girlie Show" starring Celia Putty, Virginia Sacrifice, Regina Reed, Bunny Foo Foo, and the Hostess with the mostest, Lucinda Holliday.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 16
STONEWALL/EAGLE - Wet Underwear Contest. 1st place prize $50. Sign-up 9:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18
AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - After OUToberFEST Party! Come by our booth at the picnic and buy some Biz wear. Discount drinks to those wearing Biz or Pride attire!! Hi-NRG music from 8:00 til closing. No Cover. Lots of fun!

BOOM BOOMS - 1st annual "Hi- NRG" Dance Pavilion during the Gay Pride Picnic "OUToberFEST '97". The latest club mixes by DJ Raymond, entertainment by The Playgirls and free give-aways. Register for a trip for two to San Francisco. Drawing will be held at Midnight at Boom Booms. See you there.

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Country/Western Revue with live vocals.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19
IBT'S - "Men Out Loud"! Don't miss their special appearance only at IBT's. More later!

BOOM BOOMS - Afternoon Country and Western T-Dance and BBQ. The Boot Scoolin' fun starts at 3:00 p.m.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 23
STONEWALL/EAGLE - Amateur Strip Show and contest.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25
VENTURE-N - Venture-N Boy Arizona Contest tonight. Applications are available at the bar.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26
STONEWALL/EAGLE - Kenneth Blake's Halloween Show.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 30
BOOM BOOMS - Reveille Gay Men's Chorus presents the "Halloween Show and Benefit". Come see Tucson's finest perform.

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Pumpkin Carving Contest. Carving starts at 2:00 p.m.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 31
AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - The Biz celebrates a ghoulish Halloween. Lots of give-aways, lots of drink specials, great music, costume contest. No cover. Party starts at 8:00 p.m. and won't slow down until 1:00 a.m.

BOOM BOOMS - Darrin Land's Halloween Birthday Party (a fund raiser for the Latino Men's Health Project). Fright Night. Halloween '97 approaches. More details to come.

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Halloween Costume Contest at midnight.

Non-Bar CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 8
Karen Ann Edwards of "High Praise Ministry" in concert at Cornerstone Fellowship. Join the congregation for an evening of praise and fellowship with one another.

1. Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. A Discussion Group will read a section from the recent bestseller "Conversations With God", then discuss the reading. For reservations and directions, please call Justin or Gary at 792-4224.

2. Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. In conjunction with a fund raiser for SAAF, dance lessons are being offered on Wednesdays in October. Professional instructors will show you how to do the West Coast Swing tonight. For details and directions, please call Jerry at 690-9565.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 9
Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m.. Join the men of MSN for a fun evening of roller skating (or roller blading, if you prefer). It's a good chance to get out with the guys for some exercise and camaraderie. For details, directions and reservations, please call Donn at 325-4257.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 10
7:00 p.m. at Antigone Books, 411 N. 4th Ave., a celebration of Tucson's feminist publisher, Kore Press, with readings by poets Barbara Cully and T. Begley.. Cully is the author of "Shoreline Series" produced by Kore Press and "The New Intimacy" which won the 1996 National Poetry Series Open Competition. Begley's work includes a handmade letter press edition of "Helen Groves" from Kore Press and "Sappho's Gymnasium", a collection of poetry with Olga Broumas. Kore Press will offer a writing workshop with T. Begley. Call 323-8003 for more information.

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. The Book Club will be discussing "Dryland's End" by Felice Picano-a gay oriented science fiction novel. Even if you don't read the book, we encourage all book lovers to attend. For reservations and directions, call Jerry at 690-9565.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11
Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m.. It's your chance to dance with the men from MSN.. Grab your cowboy hat, put on your boots, and come out for an evening of Country Dancing at Hours. For details, please call Doug at 615-7156.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12
1. Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 9:00 a.m. Join the MSN family for a "Breakfast Extravaganza" as Ed and Gordon make Belgian Waffles and Pan Cakes (NOT pancakes) for us. Just bring your favorite topping to put on the waffles. For directions, details, and reservations, please call Ed or Gordon at 323-7181.

2. Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 4-6 p.m. The Triangle Tribe-it's an awareness group which meets to learn and use communication and relationship skills toward developing feelings of trust, love, acceptance and brotherhood. Call Tom at 318-1650 for reservations and directions.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 14
Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages, guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Dinner Out will be held at the Tony Roma's on the east side. If you'd like to join your gay family for a nice dinner out, please call Bill at 548-7539 by Monday, October 13, to reserve your place at the table.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 15
1. Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. A Discussion Group will read a section from the recent bestseller "Conversations With God", then discuss the reading. For reservations and directions, please call Justin or Gary at 792-4224.

2. Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. In conjunction with a fund raiser for SAAF, dance lessons are being offered on Wednesdays in October. Tonight, professional instructors will show you how to do Ballroom dancing. For details and directions, please call Jerry at 690-9565.

3. Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Join the men of MSN for a fun evening of ice skating. It's another good chance to get out with the guys for some exercise and camaraderie. For details, directions and reservations, please call Donn at 325-4257.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 17
Want to rev up your writing? Come to Antigone Books at 7:00 p.m. and hear Sheila Bender read from "Writing in a New Convertible with the Top Down: A unique guide for Writers. Whether you're a new writer or an experienced one stuck on a curve, this book will help you jump-start your engine. New Convertible delves into the daily realities of the creative process - what stalls it, what shifts it into high gear, and what triggers success. Sheila Bender is a writing teacher and has published two other books on writing and a collection of poems. A brief question and answer period will follow and refreshments will be served.

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Our monthly Pizza Party will take place at Les & Jerry's house. Simply bring $4.00 and join in for a fun evening of food and good conversation. Salad and dessert are also served. Vegetarian pizza offered as well. For directions and reservations, call Jerry at 690-9565.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18
OUTober-FEST '97 "Equality Thru Visibility" will be celebrated today in Reid Park from 10:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. Produced each year by the Tucson Lesbian & Gay Alliance, the 'Picnic' entertains thousands of Lesbian and Gays as well as their family, children and friends. Entertainment on the main stage as well as hi-NRG and country/Western dancing on their separate stages. Lots of booths (information, games, food) as well as the Beer Trucks spotted throughout the park. Don't miss this party!

"Exodus: Pride Party One" will take over from the Reid Park celebration beginning at 9:00 p.m. pm tonight until 4:00 a.m. Sunday.Tucson's biggest Gay/Lesbian Pride Dance will take place at 514 N. 6th Avenue (YMCA Art Center) with musical entertainment on the main room featuring LA dj Mark Tarbox, some hot live go-gos from Club Axis in L.A. with live performances by Sarah Washington, diva extraordinaire and also on stage Men Out Loud. In the Love Lounge will be love music all night long. The proceeds from this special party will benefit Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation. Tickets are $12.00 in advance or $18.50 on the day

Tucson CALENDAR

Sunday
AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - Beer Bust 5-10, $1.25 pitchers. Salsa Sunday! Great music, better dancing and it all begins at 8pm.

BOOM-BOOMS - Open at 4pm. $1.25 small pitchers of Bud or Miller. Happy Hour 4-8. DJ at 9. $1.75 pints of Fosters.

GRADUATE - Happy Hour 4-8 pm all well $1.25 Draft 75¢ Schnapps 75¢. Drink Specials do not apply during special events.

HOURS - Bloody Marys and Screws $1.50 til 7 pm. Pool Tournament 4pm. Country/Western dance instruction 6-8 pm. Country Dance Music 8 to 1.

IBT's - Open Noon to 1 am. Happy Hour noon-8pm, $1.75 domestic beer and $1.50 Well. Benefit B-B-Q and Beer Bust for community organizations 4:30-7:00pm. Hi energy dancing 9pm to close. All drink specials not available during special events.

NEON MOON - Open 2pm. Party with Stan. Complimentary hot dogs.

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Open noon. Beer Bust 2-7pm$1 Pitchers, 50¢ a glass. Free hamburgers 4-7 Pool Tourney with Zipperman. Karaoke Night, drink specials to singers.

VENTURE-N - Open 10 a.m. Backside Beer Bust 3-8pm 50¢ draft. 301 Dart Tournament 5pm $3 entry fee. Beer Burgers 5-7, Tuff Stuff Tool 4-11pm.

Monday
AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - Happy Hour 2-7 2for1 well and domestic beer. Free pool 2-4. $1.75 white well 8pm to close.

BOOM-BOOMS - Open 4pm. Happy Hour 4-8pm. $1 pints of domestic 8-close. Dance party after football.

GRADUATE - Open 9am. Happy Hour 4-8pm all well $1.50 Draft $1.75 Domestic. Drink specials do not apply during special events.

HOURS - Open Noon. Happy Hour 12 to 7pm - Well and Domestic Beer $1.50. 50¢ Draft Beer 7 to close.

IBT's - Open noon. Happy Hour noon-8pm, $1.75 domestic beer and $1.50 well. 8pm to midnight, $1.50 / 32oz pitchers. Retro 80s Dance 9pm-1am. All drink specials not available during special events.

NEON MOON - Open 4pm,. Happy hour 4-7. Check for drink specials.

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Open 2pm. Service Industry Nite: ½ price drinks for those in service industry. Monday Night Football and Doc's Dart's at 8:30. Free pool all day.

VENTURE-N - Draft Beer 75¢ 6am - 8pm. Happy Hour Prices 6am - 8pm

Tuesday
AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Happy Hour 2-7 pm 2for1 well and domestic long necks. 2-7 p.m. Boys Night Out 9pm to closing. $1.00 longneck Hot dance music.

BOOM-BOOMS - Happy Hour 4-8 daily. Dart Tourney 8:30. Special prices for all journey players. $1.50 domestics $1 Cocksucker 9-close. DJ at 9.

GRADUATE - Open 9am. Happy Hour 4-8pm all well $1.50. Domestic $1.75. Drink specials do not apply during special events.

HOURS - Happy Hour 12 to 7pm Well or Domestic Beer $1.50. Schnapps 75¢ 7pm to close. Karaoke 9pm.

IBT's - Open noon. Happy Hour Noon-8 pm, $1.75 domestic beer & $1.50 well. 9 pm to close 2for1 well/ Miller Lite. High Energy Dance with David Z.

NEON MOON - happy Hour 4-7pm. Karaoke with Billy D.

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Open 2pm.Happy Hour til 8pm.

VENTURE-N - Open 6am to 1am. Draft Beer 75¢ 6am - 8pm. Happy Hour prices 6am - 8pm.

Wednesday
AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Happy Hour 2-7, 2for1 well or domestic beer, $1.25 pitchers from 9 to midnight. Alternative music w/Stephanie 9pm-1.

BOOM-BOOMS- Happy Hour 4-8pm. Hi-NRG dance music with Raymond at 9. $1.50 White Well 9pm to close.

GRADUATE - Open 9am. Happy Hour 4-8pm all well $1.50; Domestic $1.75. 9 Ball Single Elimination Pool Tourney. 7pm, Pot matched. Drink specials do not apply during special events.

HOURS - Happy Hour 12 to 7pm, Well or Domestic Beer $1.50. 50¢ off all call drinks 7 to close. Feb. 19 New Pool Tournament Begins 6pm

IBT's - Open Noon to 1am. Happy Hour Noon to 8pm, $1.75 domestic beer & $1.50 well. Mystery Night. $1.75 Bud Product Special 9 pm to close. Dance with David Z. All drink specials not available during special events.

NEON MOON - Happy Hour 4-7. Retro Dance Music all evening.

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Open 2pm. Happy Hour til 8pm. 50¢ Draft 6-9pm. Karaoke Nite: Drink Specials to singers.

VENTURE-N - Open 6am Draft Beer 75¢ 6am-8pm. Cuervo Gold $2 all daynight. Happy Hour Prices 6am-8pm. Backside open 5pm-close. Tuff Stuff Tool open 8:30pm.

Thursday
AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Happy Hour 2-7, 2for1 well or domestic beer. Free pool 2-4. Karaoke 8pm to close.

BOOM-BOOMS - Playgirls Cabaret Show at 9:30 in the "Other" Room $1.50 Dark Well 9pm to close. Hi NRG Dance Music at 9 with Raymond.

GRADUATE - Open 9am. Happy Hour 4-8pm all Well $1.50, Domestic $1.75. 301 Dart Tournament 7:30pm. Double Elimination. Pot Matched. Drink specials do not apply during special events.

HOURS - Happy Hour 12 to 7pm, Well or Domestic Beer $1.50. Corona $2.00 9pm to 1am. Country/Western dancing 8 to 1.

IBT's - Open noon to 1am. Happy Hour noon-8 pm $1.75 domestic beer and $1.50 well. Underwear Nite. $1.50 Well and $1.75 Domestic Beer to those in their underwear (pant check available). Hi energy dancing 9-close with DJ David Z. All drink specials not available during special events.

NEON MOON - Open 4pm. Happy Hour 4-7pm. Country/Wesstern Night.

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Open 2pm. Happy Hour til 8pm.

VENTURE-N - Open 6am Draft Beer 75¢ 6am-8pm. Pool Tournament 7pm $3 entry fee. Happy Hour prices for Men in Leather 8pm to close. Backside open 5pm-close. Tuff Stuff Tool open 8:30pm.

Friday
AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Happy Hour 2-7, 2for1 well or domestic beer. Free pool 2-4. Complimentary Hors d'oeuvres. Michael spins hi energy dance music 8:30 to close. Drink specials every ½ hour.

BOOM-BOOMS - Happy Hour 4-8pm. Latin Dance Party in the "Other" Room at 9pm. Dance Party with Raymond in the main bar at 9.

GRADUATE - Open 9am. Happy Hour 4-8pm, all well $1.50/ domestic $1.75. Drink specials do not apply during special events.

HOURS - Happy Hour 12-7pm well or domestic beer $1.50. Dance Music Mix 9-1am.

IBT's - Open noon. Happy Hour Noon-8pm $1.75 domestic beer and $1.50 well. .. Patio Bar 9-1. Dance Party 9 to 1 with DJ David Z. All drink specials not available during special events.

NEON MOON - Open 2pm. Happy Hour 4-7. Hot DJ dance music.

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Open 2pm. Happy Hour til 8pm. Hors d'oeuvres 5pm. 2-4-1 Well & Domestic 9-11pm. Wear a Stonewall/Eagle T-shirt and ½ price all night.

VENTURE-N - Open 6am. Draft Beer 75¢ Bar 6am-8pm. Happy Hour Prices 6am-8pm. Backside open 5pm-close. Tuff Stuff Tool opens at 8:30 pm.

Saturday
AIN'T NOBODYS BIZNESS - Pool Tourney. Pot matched, 1st: 70%, 2nd: 20%, 3rd: 10%. Michael spins hi energy dance music from 8:30pm to 1am. Drink specials every ½ hour.

BOOM-BOOMS - Happy Hour 4-8pm. Country/Western Dance in the "Other" room at 9:30 with lessons starting at 8pm. Dance to the latest club mixes in the main bar 9pm to close.

GRADUATE - Open 9am. Happy Hour 4-8pm, all well drinks $1.50/domestic $1.75. 8 Ball Pool Tournament 2pm, Double Elimination, pot matched. Drink specials do not apply during special events.

HOURS - Open Noon. Strawberry & Banana Daiquiris, Pina Coladas $3. Dance Music Mix 9-1.

IBT's - Open Noon to 1am. Happy Hour noon to 8pm $1.75 domestic beer and $1.50 well. Patio Bar 9-1. Dance 9 to 1 with DJ David Z. All drink specials not available during special events.

NEON MOON - Open 2pm. Happy Hour 4-7. Hot DJ dance music.

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Open noon. Happy Hour til 8pm. Hors d'oeuvres 4pm. Free Pool all day. Student nite: Students drink ½ price all nite long.

VENTURE-N - Open 6am. Bitches & Bagels w/$1 Bloody Marys 6am-noon. Happy Hour Prices 6am-8pm. Backside open 5pm-close. Tuff Stuff Tool Opens at 8:30pm.

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COCHISE COUNTY LESBIANS AND GAYS. P.O. Box 818, Sirbee, AZ 85603 / (602)432-5391. Rap Group, Youth Group, Social and Political Events.

SUPPORT GROUP FOR MEN IN SAME SEX RELATIONSHIPS who have ever been physically, verbally or sexually abused, is now forming. Call Randy Oberhoff, Ph.D. at 570-0027 for more

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)327-1620 or write P.O. Box 43910, Tucson, AZ 85733-3910, or come to our general meetings the second Friday of every month. Location listed on our hotline.

TUCSON ROOMMATE LOCATOR SERVICE Men and women welcome. Pager 388-6843.

LAMBDA CAR CLUB, A social organization of Gays and Lesbians who share interest, information and fellowship involving collectible vehicles. Call 298-9454.

LESBIAN AND GAY AL-ANON - Affected by someone's drinking? Meeting every Tuesday 8:45 to 9:45 p.m. at Lambda Center, 2340 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 Merle at 888-7264.

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 Jeff or Art (520)762-9135.

LIGHTNING LIGHTING will provide lighting for AIDS and related benefits at no charge. For more info call Adrienne at 629-7298.

MANE MEN: Long-haired Gay male penpal network. Photo, 3 IRC's to join. Box 231, Station B, Ottawa, CANADA, K1P5C4

GAY & LESBIAN SPIRITUALITY GROUP of St. Philips in the Hills Episcopal Church meets first and third Mondays. Call David, 323-7943 for more information.

"AT EASE AGAIN", a men's discussion group meets at Wingspan at 7 p.m. every Tuesday. 300 E. 6th St.

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. 8th Ave. Call 791-9662.

Join the LESBIAN & GAY PUBLIC AWARENESS PROJECT. In Tucson write Awareness Project, 3881 N. Campbell Ave. #365, Tucson, AZ 85719.

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

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

SOFTBALL - For info on the Tucson Greater Softball Association T.G.S.A., please contact. Mary 770-9979 or Bertie 318-3415.

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 299-9063.

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 322-6226.

SOUTHERN ARIZONA AIDS FOUNDATION (SAAF), 151 S. Tucson Blvd., Suite 211 (The Broadmoor Building). Office Hours 8am to 5pm, Monday through Friday. Direct services and emotional support for persons with and affected by HIV. Anonymous HIV testing and support groups available. Prevention education programs. 322-6226. AIDS Hotline: 326-AIDS. VOLUNTEERS WELCOME.

FRONT RUNNERS OF TUCSON meet for fun runs Tuesdays at 6 p.m. Group meets in front of the Himmel Park Library (East side), and Sundays at various times and places. For more information call Mitch at 326-3555

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 575-6660 or write P.O. Box 36264, Tucson, AZ 85740-6264. All replies confidential.

ARE YOU GAY OR LESBIAN and someone else's drinking is getting to you. Call Information and Referral about Al-Anon 881-1794 in Tucson Info about special groups for Gays and Lesbians.

YOUNG AND GAY?
Lesbian and Gay youths 23 and under, meet every Saturday in Tucson for sharing, support and information. Meetings are held at 300 E. 6th Street from 3 to 5 pm. You are not alone. For more info call Wingspan, 624-1779.

The TUCSON Chapter of PRIME TIMERS INTERNATIONAL invites Gay or Bisexual men over 30 years old to join and share Prime Timers fellowship. We welcome mature men who are or wish to be involved in Gay community activities, issues and organizations. Call 887-7493 and leave your name and phone number. Monthly meetings are held on the 3rd Sunday, 4-6 p.m. at Wingspan, 300 E. 6th St.

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 Sunday (open to all), 6:00 p.m. Information 624-1779.

SUPPORT GROUP: Gays, Lesbians and Bisexuals meet weekly for open discussions in a loving, supportive atmosphere. Meetings Thursdays from 7:30 to 9:30 pm at St. Francis in the Foothills Church, Swan and River Road. Room 32. Call the church at 299-0063 for information.

NOTICES

LICHEN HIKING CLUB for women of all ages and backgrounds of life. Hike with other women. Listings in Rubyfruit Journal available at Antigone Books, 411 N. 4th Ave.

CAMELBACK BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION (CBPA) OF PHOENIX. For information and membership write: CBPA at P.O. Box 2097, Phoenix, AZ 85001.

LESBIAN SUPPORT GROUP addressing a full spectrum of issues, problems and situations. Meetings 2nd & 4th Wednesday 7 to 8:30 p.m. at Wingspan, 300 E. 6th St. 624-1779.

L.D.S., EX-L.D.S., GAY/LESBIAN, BISEXUAL SUPPORT GROUP. Meetings 2nd & 4th Wednesdays. 7pm. 320-1319 for information.

RECREATIONAL VOLLEYBALL every Sunday at 4:00 pm at St. Francis in The Foothills for anyone who likes to play and have a blast call Davey 888-1208 for more info.

ARIZONA GAY RODEO ASSOCIATION (AGRA) TUCSON CHAPTER. Interested? Call 323-0805 or write AGRA/Tucson, P.O. Box 40894, Tucson, AZ 85717.

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

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.

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GAY VOLLEYBALL ON SATURDAYS. Competitive play. BB or better players only. Grass court Northwest corner Himmel Park 10:00 a.m. Check it out!

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.

THE JOHN HANTEN MEMORIAL GROUP, a Catholic support group for Gays and Lesbians, meets on the 2nd Monday of each month at Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Church, 1946 E. Lee St. at 7:30 p.m. For more information call the parish office at 327-6015 or Jane Ferri at 326-8577.

COMMUNITY BUSINESS ASSOCIATION (CBA), Tucson's Gay and Lesbian business networking group holds regular meetings the third Thursday of every month. Call Greg Hollman 577-8333 for more info.

TUCSON LESBIAN/GAY ALLIANCE (TLGA) meets every third Thursday at Wingspan, 300 E. 6th Street at 7pm.

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THIRTYsomething Society - an exclusive society for single Gay and Bi men in or near their thirties. A social society that offers monthly activities including a monthly outing away from Tucson. Call 797-3116 for more information and a membership bio.

LESBIAN/GAY/BI OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS. Saturdays noon-1pm in UMC Dining Room "F". 325-6676 or 670-1954.

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.

CATHOLIC GAY/LESBIAN SUPPORT GROUP meets every 3rd Monday at St. Pius X Catholic Church, 1800 N. Camino Pio Decimo in the Kino Room at 7:00 p.m. For more info call Ernie 721-2003 or Anna Marie at the Parish office 885-3573.

COCAINE ANONYMOUS
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NORTHWEST CATHOLIC GAY/LESBIAN SUPPORT GROUP meets every 4th Monday at St. Odilia's Catholic Church, 7570 N. Paseo Del Norte in the Parish Hall Conference Room (Bldg. North of the Church) at 7:30 p.m. For more info call Mary 297-9602 or Sr. Joan 742-8900.

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 Brenda at 884-9920, Ext.448 or Emmett 322-6057 (ewatten@ix.netcom.com)

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