

White House Accuses GOP Of Gay Bashing Anti-Gay Ads Run In National Newspapers

WASHINGTON, DC (WS) — In a daily press briefing, the White House has accused Republicans of Gay bashing, as a coalition of conservative and Christian groups took out a second full-page newspaper advertisement saying God abhorred homosexuality.

White House spokesman Mike McCurry said President Clinton was very concerned about "the efforts on Capitol Hill to really legislate an acceptance of intolerance and discrimination against Gays and Lesbians, which is what's going on up there right now."

Asked if attacks on homosexuality were likely to become an issue in the November congressional elections or the next presidential race in 2000, McCurry said: "I don't know. I don't know whether they think Gay bashing is good politics. But there's some that apparently act like they believe it."

Conservative House Republicans, including House Majority Whip Tom DeLay of Texas, said last week they will offer an amendment to a fiscal 1999 spending bill that would block implementation of an administrative order barring discrimination against homosexuals in federal jobs.

McCurry declined to question the motives of the Christian Coalition and 14 other conservative groups which are mounting an advertising campaign arguing that homosexuals can and should "overcome" their sexual identity by accepting Jesus.

But he said their campaign could help create a climate in which bigots felt more comfortable.

"The concern, obviously, is there have been a variety of statements . . . that might have the effect of giving comfort to those who really have feelings of hatred and prejudice," McCurry said.

The conservative groups followed Monday's full-page ad in a prominent New York and Washington newspapers, in which they said that most Christians who spoke out against homosexuality were motivated by love.

"The truth we know is that God abhors any form of sexual sin, be it premature sex, adultery, prostitution or homosexuality," it said.

The advertisement claimed that homosexuals were disproportionately likely to contract AIDS and other sexually transmitted diseases and were more likely to abuse drugs or alcohol or engage in emotional or physical violence.

Homosexuality has suddenly become a hot political issue after Senate Republican Leader Trent Lott compared it to alcoholism, sex addiction and kleptomania.

Asked in a recent television interview if he believed homosexuality was a sin, Lott replied, "It is." "In America right now there's an element that wants to make that alternative lifestyle acceptable and normal," said Lott.

"You should still love that person . . . You should show them a way to deal with that problem," he said, adding, "Just like my father having a problem with alcohol . . . Other people have sex addiction. Other people are kleptomaniacs."

A coalition of Gay and Lesbian organizations said they would run their own ad in USA Today to answer the conservative groups. The ad would feature a Minneapolis family, in which the parents love and support their Lesbian daughter.

Meanwhile, the American Psychiatric Association, the American Psychological Association and the American Medical Association issued statements taking issue with the idea that homosexuals could be "cured" of their sexual orientation.

"Sexual orientation is not a choice and cannot be altered," said American Psychological Association executive director Raymond Fowler.

"Groups who try to change the sexual orientation of people through so-called 'conversion therapy' are misguided and run the risk of causing a great deal of psychological harm to those who they say they are trying to help," he said.

Team Arizona To Participate In Gay Games

PHOENIX — With the world celebrating the Gay Games of 1998 in Amsterdam, Holland, beginning August 1, Team Arizona is pleased to have a team participating for the third time.

Team Arizona became organized as a non-profit corporation in 1989 to support Arizonans going to the Games in Vancouver, followed by a very medal capturing team at the '94 Games in New York City.

Team Arizona has been very successful in capturing the spirit, the athletic successes and the synergism of the games for the past two Games. The Team Arizona Logo, with its famous Saguaro cactus, is one of the most desired logos to be obtained from other participants from all over the world. The logo has been updated for each of the games.

The Team Arizona uniform for opening ceremonies has a definite Western look. The team jackets, complete with new logo, are in the colors of the Arizona State flag. The Team will march in with Western style hats with bandannas made from

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San Diego Pride Festival Will Present Big Attractions And New Exhibitors

SAN DIEGO, CA — On July 25-26, the grassy lawns of Marston Point in Balboa Park will become the venue for one of the biggest outdoor events this city has to offer: the San Diego Lesbian and Gay Pride Festival.

The two-day event this year includes a broader range of exhibits and entertainment to correspond with San Diego Pride's 1998 theme: "Unity Through Diversity: It Begins With Us . . ."

Many first-time exhibitors such as the San Diego Padres, for instance, will line the festival corridors with hundreds of other social, civic, educational and artistic organizations that are taking part. Beer gardens, food booths and special areas for youth and seniors will also be available. And a main concert stage, flanked with American Sign Language interpreters, will feature non-stop entertainment by well-known recording artists and comedians.

Organizers say the festival is designed to provide an entertaining and tolerant atmosphere for Gay, Lesbian,

Bisexual and Transgendered people, plus all of their supporters.

"Our goal is to present a quality event that all segments of our community can thoroughly enjoy. The widespread support we receive allows us to do that," says Executive Director Mandy Schultz.

San Diego Pride Festival Coordinator Kim Herbstritt adds, "We have a good mix of organization and businesses that represent San Diego. Our exhibitor relations team does an excellent job at welcoming all of our vendors."

Among the organizations making their festival debut are: the San Diego Padres, which will offer information about season tickets and game schedules; Positively Speaking, which will disseminate information on preventing HIV and sexually transmitted disease, and recruit volunteers for its speaker's bureau; Pedal For A Cure, a women's group planning a 42-day bicycle ride across the U.S. to raise money

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Federal GLOBE Calls Attack On Federal G/L/B Employees 'Arbitrary Discrimination'

WASHINGTON — Congress, reconvening this week, will consider an amendment, introduced by Rep. Joel Hefley, R-CO, to the Treasury, Postal Service and General Government Appropriations Act which would overturn President Clinton's executive order, providing a uniform policy for the Federal Government to prohibit discrimination based on sexual orientation.

Federal GLOBE, the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual Employees Organization of the Federal Government characterizes the amendment as "arbitrary discrimination." If passed, according to GLOBE, it will send the message to Federal Managers and Supervisors that it is "open season" on employees due to their sexual orientation. In a written statement, GLOBE states the amendment will not only encourage bigotry and harassment, but is an overt act of discrimination toward a significant segment of hard-working federal employees.

Gary Bauer of the Family Research Council said the executive order, ". . . may have effectively instituted homosexual quotas in federal hiring and promotions. Rep. Hefley has said that the executive order ". . . effectively adds a new category to the nation's civil rights law . . ." According to GLOBE in the written statement, both of these statements are designed to mislead constituents and are far from the truth.

GLOBE counters that granting "special protected status" based on sexual orientation, as Rep. Hefley has claimed, President Clinton's executive order simply provides a method for employees to access

internal agency procedures if they feel that they have been either harassed or discriminated against due to their sexual orientation. It in no way establishes quotas, nor implies that federal agencies should incorporate Gay men, Lesbians and Bisexuals into their affirmative action plans.

Federal employees face workplace discrimination and harassment on a daily basis as a result of their sexual orientation, according to GLOBE. The executive order ensures that processes are in place to hear and resolve complaints at the lowest levels within federal agencies. GLOBE stated it does not, nor can it, grant legal protections. That protection is possible through congressional legislation, such as the Employment Non-Discrimination Act.

Congress has just 38 days left in this legislative session. Rather than spending even a small fraction of that time attacking dedicated, hard-working Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual federal employees, GLOBE states it should concentrate its efforts on significant national issues.

[Federal GLOBE is the umbrella organization for Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual employee support groups in federal workplaces. Its purpose is to eliminate prejudice and discrimination in the federal workplace based on sexual orientation by (1) developing and providing educational programs and materials which address the distinctive concerns and problems of Gay men, Lesbians and Bisexuals in the federal government; and (2) educating all members of the federal workplace about issues of concern to Gay men, Lesbians and Bisexuals.]

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POZ Life Expo Tour In Phoenix July 31

PHOENIX — Whether you are HIV positive, love someone who is positive, or are just interested in practical, useful information about HIV and AIDS, you will find the POZ Life Expo educational and inspirational.

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TIHAN Seeks Volunteers

TUCSON — Community volunteers are needed to assist with a variety of options through the Tucson Interfaith HIV/AIDS Network (TIHAN).

"We need people to help with everything, ranging from CareTeams, office support, public speaking, newsletters, fund raising events, information booths — if someone is interested, we'll find the right opportunity for them," said Scott Blades, TIHAN's director.

There are two orientation sessions to choose from for people who are interested in exploring volunteer opportunities with TIHAN: Tuesday, August 4, 7:00 to 8:30 P.M. Wednesday, August 12, 7:00 to 8:30 P.M.

The orientations, which are free of charge, involve an overview of TIHAN and its volunteer needs. These orientations are followed by a one-day training program which will be held August 15.

Over the past four years, TIHAN volunteers have contributed over 15,000 hours of direct service to people living with HIV/AIDS in our community.

"We are a volunteer-based agency that believes in, and relies upon, the power of individuals who voluntarily contribute their time, talents and energy to make a difference in our community," Blades said.

For more information about volunteering with TIHAN, or to sign up for an orientation, call the TIHAN office, (520) 299-6647.

Photographers Wanted For Gay Positive Message

TUCSON — The Gay Men's Health Project is currently seeking submissions from photographers for a new prevention program to be produced locally, "Celebrate Yourself."

The winning photographs submitted will appear in posters and educational material to be distributed to the Gay community in and around Southern Arizona.

The photos should represent the photographer's interpretation of the three topics in "Celebrate Yourself":

"Celebrate Diversity" - These photos should show the wonderful diversity that we have within the Gay/Lesbian community.

"Celebrate Pride" - These photos should artistic interpretation of what it is like to be out, Gay and proud.

"Celebrate Sex" - These photos should represent the joy of a sexual being.

Please submit 8 x 10 black and white photos including your name and telephone numbers. Please do not send negatives. All photos submitted become the property of the Gay Men's Health Project. The Gay Men's Health Project will not be able to return the photographs. Please include a model release form for all models in all the photographs and all nude models must have proof of age as adults, 18 or older.

All accepted photographs will be on display at the OUToberFEST picnic in October as a part of the Gay Men's Health Project photo essay show, "Celebrate Yourself."

The deadline for submissions is August 12, 1998. All winners will be notified by mail. Please send photographs, personal contact information and copies of model release forms to: Rodney Shanks, Gay Men's Health Project, 151 S. Tucson Blvd., Suite 211, Tucson, AZ 85716.

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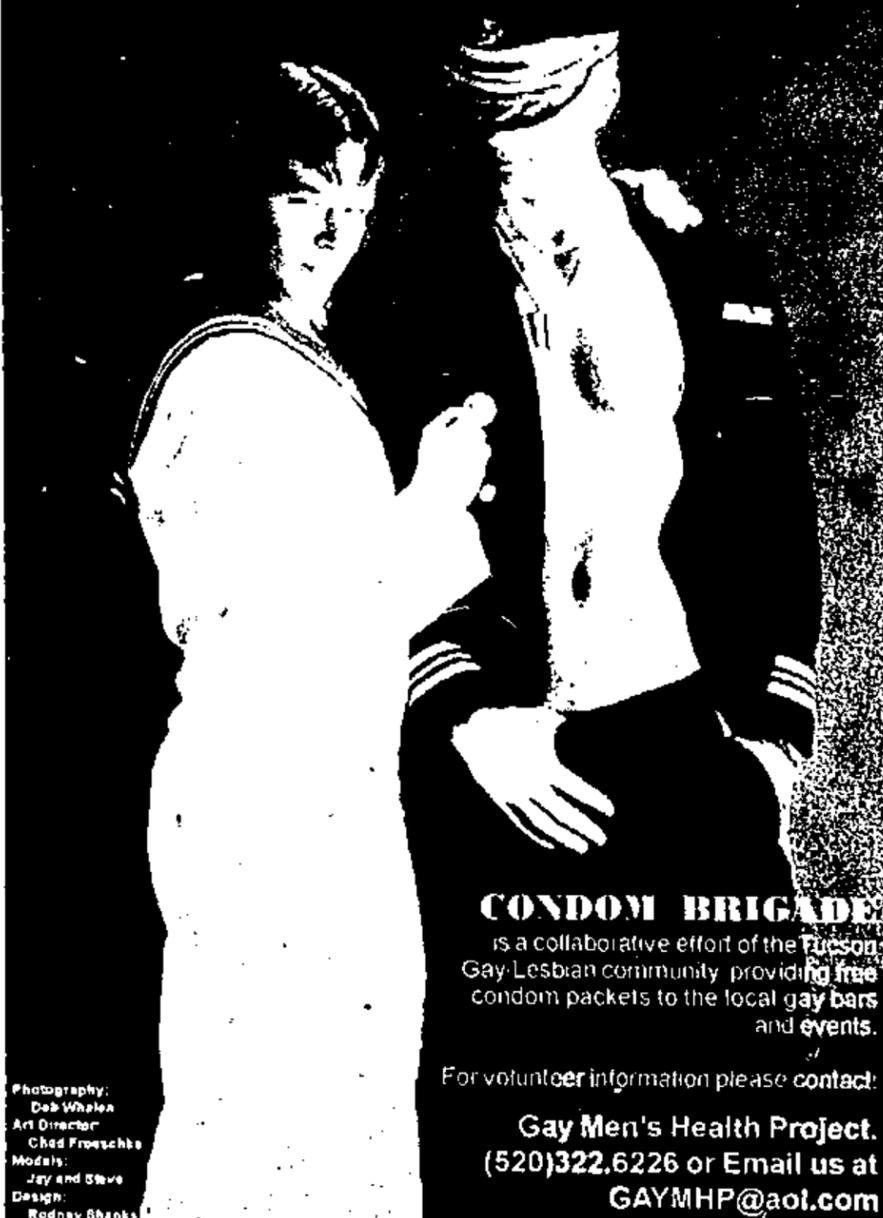
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Paying Attention To Inner Stirrings

I've been to a lot of meetings. Well, that's probably an understatement. For the last 20 years, I've been involved in many different community related projects. I served as executive director for two AIDS organizations, director of an international Gay/Lesbian development program, pastor of a church, and as member of the board of directors for a few groups. After all that, I've really had my fill of meetings.

Given my current feelings about meetings, it's not surprising that I was not totally enthused about attending the Annual Meeting of the Tucson Interfaith HIV/AIDS Network on June 25. Having received a telephone call reminding me about the event, and having checked to be sure that a few friends would also be attending, I arrived at St. Francis in the Foothills United Methodist Church at the appointed time for the Annual Meeting.

For those who have not lived a life of meeting-addiction which is often the result of prolonged community involvement, an explanation of an annual meeting may be in order. An organization's annual meeting is significant for the life of the organization. At this meeting, members of the board of directors are elected, budgets and financial reports are reviewed, and key players in the organization report on the state of the organization, and amendments to the corporate bylaws may be made. While the business is important for the organization, annual meetings are not what one would think of as a fun time.

I was surprised to see perhaps 250 people gathered for the TIHAN annual meeting. It was an impressive gathering of people. Pumped muscle boys mingled with senior heterosexual couples; clergy and religious leaders of diverse faith-traditions shared in fellowship; major donors and people living with visible signs of HIV disease sipped punch from a common bowl. This gathering was truly a rich experience of community.

Following the usual business, which passed quickly and without debate,

the tone of the gathering changed. Having met the legal obligations of the TIHAN corporation, the celebration of TIHAN's spiritual life began. Gathering in smaller groups around the sanctuary, people joined hands and sang songs as religious leaders prayed and commissioned the volunteers for their work as members of TIHAN. Executive Director, Scott Blades, began the commissioning with a brief invitation and words about ritual. He reminded those gathered that the primary purpose of ritual was to help us to pay attention because something important was happening.

What was that something important that happened in that room? People with very different life experiences were moved by something deep within them to reach out in a common purpose to help others. While in every voluntary organization people are moved by something in themselves to make them want to give of themselves, in this TIHAN gathering, that inner movement was the focus. The stirring within each person was honored, respected, and in symbolic ways shared with others.

Many of us give of ourselves and our time to help others. Some of us do that by volunteering through community organizations, like Wingspan, SAAF, or TIHAN. Others of us give our time to others in less recognized ways, like making sure a sick neighbor has groceries or giving a ride to a person without transportation. Seldom do we take time to reflect on, honor, and respect the stirring deep within us which empowers us to give of ourselves.

At the Commissioning Ceremony that was part of TIHAN's annual meeting, an important lesson about spiritual growth and development was imparted: we each need to take time and pay attention to the stirring within us that calls us to act. Once we have listened to what is within us, we can honor it by sharing it with others and affirming what we know to be true in ourselves.

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Atlanta To Host Gay Softball World Series

ATLANTA, GA — During the week of August 9-15, the city of Atlanta will play host for the 22nd annual Gay Softball World Series (GSWS), a week-long tournament which crowns the champions in five divisions of softball play which make up the North American Gay Amateur Athletic Alliance (NAGAAA).

NAGAAA is a nonprofit, international organization comprised of men and women dedicated to promoting amateur athletics for the Gay community.

Created in 1977, NAGAAA was formed to encourage the participation of Gay men and women in organized softball competition. Since its inception, NAGAAA has grown to more than 30 member cities and over 50 Gay softball leagues through the United States and Canada.

NAGAAA currently has two divisions of softball play: Open and Women's. Within the Open Division, there are three subdivisions (or levels) of play: for the women, two divisions exist. These subdivisions pertain to the competitive level of softball play. Each year, a different member city plays host to the annual GSWS. The NAGAAA Gay Softball World Series is the largest-attend annual Gay event of its kind worldwide.

The host hotel this year is the Sheraton Colony Square Hotel. During the week, many activities will take place in and around the host hotel. In order to discuss the "business" of softball, the NAGAAA meetings will take place Sunday and Monday (August 9-10) at the hotel.

The tournament schedule of events begins Tuesday, August 11, with games being played at the Softball Country Club SportsPlex, beginning at 9:00 A.M. This year, Atlanta is anticipating about 125 teams in total. Opening Ceremonies also take place August 11, starting at 8:00 P.M. in Piedmont Park. Softball play continues on Wednesday morning and continues through Friday evening. Final games and championships will be Saturday, August 15, 9:00 A.M. until completion (around 4:00 P.M.). The week concludes with the Closing Ceremonies and Award Party in

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the Grand Ballroom of the host hotel, 6:00 to 10:00 P.M.

For more information, call (412) 362-1247.

OCA Fails; Carpenter Settles

PORTLAND, OR (NP) — The Oregon Citizens Alliance, the parent of many an anti-LesBiGay initiative, seems to be on its death-bed (where's Kevorkian when you need him?), and the state's outgoing Gay Republican representative apologizes for an un-Witt-ing mailing.

Oregon Citizens Alliance (OCA) may be on its last legs after more than a decade of ballot initiative activism targeting Lesbians and Gays. With one of its initiative campaigns for the November ballot failing to collect enough signatures to qualify by the July 2 deadline, and the other expected to fail in the process of validation by the state, OCA chair Lon Mabon will be calling a board meeting this month where he said, "I'm going to say to our people, especially our hard core, 'Do you want to go on?'"

The measure that failed outright was the so-called Family Act, which would have blocked some benefits for same-gender couples by defining "family" as a marriage between a man and a woman plus their children; it had been delayed seven months as the state Supreme Court debated its wording. The measure whose fate is still in doubt would prohibit abortions after the first trimester. Pundits believe the absence of the initiatives from the November ballot could diminish voter turnout, although there will be a number of other questions up for referendum, including legal medical use of marijuana.

In 1988, the OCA succeeded in overturning a gubernatorial executive order prescribing equal treatment for Gays and Lesbians by the state government, but the community mobilized to turn back three later statewide anti-Gay initiatives. OCA also won passage of numerous local initiatives to deny civil rights protections to Gays and Lesbians before the U.S. Supreme

Court overturned Colorado's similar Amendment 2 initiative.

State Representative Chuck Carpenter, the only openly Gay Republican in the Oregon legislature, suffered a heart-breaking close loss in his party primary as he sought a third term, but he's still showing some real class. His successful anti-Gay conservative opponent, Bill Witt, had filed a lawsuit against him for a campaign mailing that accused Witt of failing to pay taxes in a business deal (a mailing which analysis has suggested actually hurt Carpenter rather than Witt). As it turns out, it was another business in partnership with Witt that had failed to pay the taxes, and as Carpenter put it, "Upon examination of the record, I now realize my claims were not true."

Although there's a good chance that Carpenter could have won the lawsuit, he agreed to a settlement including paying Witt \$17,500 for costs incurred as a result of the allegations and writing public apologies for two major newspapers. The money will come out of Carpenter's leftover campaign funds, which were substantially larger than Witt's. Witt said, "To Chuck's credit, he realized that what he did was wrong and he wanted to resolve it." Carpenter said, "I'm anxious to get on with my life. I'm moving beyond the legislature... I don't want this hanging over me for a couple of years, letting attorneys on both sides get rich on this issue... It is my hope that all candidates... will campaign on the issues and avoid untrue personal attacks on their opponents. This is truly what Oregon voters deserve."

Lott Leading GOP Backward To Anti-Gay Bias

NEW YORK, NY (NYT) — Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott's recent condemnation of homosexuality and a variety of anti-Gay initiatives in Southern communities point up an important trend in American politics, and a threatening one for advocates of inclusive democracy.

Curiously, this more restrictive

attitude toward social freedom is linked to a newly expansive exercise in religious freedom. Starting about 20 years ago, evangelical Christians began shedding their traditional aversion to political activism. In the South, especially, they have flooded into the electoral process, settling mainly in the Republican Party.

In doing it, they have changed and changed American politics as has no other force since the civil rights revolution. They have transformed the Republicans, bringing to the party a potent bloc vote, boundless energy and an unwillingness to compromise on certain domestic social issues.

Suddenly, a party that had been centered on economic issues and anti-communism, and that first began to court the Southern vote in the days of segregation, found its best new troops had concerns other than race: prayer in the schools, abortion and opposition to Gay rights. Prayer and abortion got more attention in national campaigns, but the anti-Gay theme was there from the beginning. In fact, the crusade by Anita Bryant, a devout Southern Baptist, against a Gay rights ordinance in Miami in 1977 was an early rising of what came to be called the religious right.

The fundamentalists won that contest, reversing the ordinance by referendum, and the two movements — evangelical Christians and Gay rights — have been in collision ever since. For the Rev. Jerry Falwell and Pat Robertson, who first brought evangelicals back to politics, and for James Dobson, their newest spokesman, Bible values are absolute. If homosexuals are condemned in scripture, as the fundamentalist say they are, then they must be condemned in society as well. The leaders of conservative religious organizations have been pressing the case with Republicans on Capitol Hill lately, and the effect has been plain to see.

Lott said last month that homosexuals are sinners. In Greenville, S.C., the pastor of the Choice Hills Baptist Church went him one better. "There are 'a stench in the nostrils of God,'" the Rev. Stan Craig declared.

As reported at length, that kind of sentiment has become the fashion among Republican politicians in several South Carolina towns. "The time has come to

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New Index Of Lesbian / Gay Responsible Businesses Released

NEW YORK, NY — The third annual GLV 100 Index of Socially Responsible Businesses for Gay and Lesbian Americans has been released, and once again it charts interesting trends in the way businesses treat the Lesbian/Gay community.

The index, compiled jointly by San Francisco financial advisor Howard Tharsing and New York marketing consultant Grant Lukenbill, uses written surveys, confidential employee reports and published sources to rate businesses on a ten point scale of social criteria.

Lukenbill said in the release, "We know that the Gay and Lesbian community wants the corporate workplace and marketplace to be evaluated in a fair manner. The community needs a basic road map on major businesses and their current practices. Our index provides that insight across a variety of leading industries."

This year's index covers a broader range of industries that previously, and it includes new arrivals Volkswagen, Subaru, Sara Lee, Pfizer, Bristol Myers Squibb, and Mattel.

While not all of the companies listed have domestic partner health benefits, Tharsing says they are "extending themselves toward the Lesbian and Gay community in ways that show a genuine commitment, one that will likely lead to such benefits in the near future. It is our intention to reward them for what they have done and make them an example of how others can begin to make changes as well."

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Venturing Out

by Sasha Alyson

Montreal and Amsterdam: Two Warm Welcomes, One Stingy Departure

The International Gay and Lesbian Travel Association held its annual convention in Montreal in May. The four-day event was a lively reminder to several hundred Gay and Lesbian travel professionals that we don't have to cross the Atlantic to get the charm of Europe. Montreal is blessed with a lovely location, extensive cultural life, a vibrant Gay and Lesbian community, and a friendly population. And English is the official second language, not the unofficial one.

themselves in the foot and save on the cost of toenail clippers. . . .

The Gay Games open in Amsterdam on August 1, with large crowds expected — including some 15,000 athletes. Hotel rooms were booked up a year ago, but that doesn't mean last-minute travelers are out of luck. As I write this, many tour operators still have space, and are eager to sell it. Try European Gayways (800-923-3308); Club Hommes (201-861-5059); Men on Vacation (800-959-4636) and Above and Beyond (800-397-2681). This is a situation where the telephone is better than the web — so close to the departure, availability may change faster than websites are updated.

Independent travelers also have a good shot at finding space. Tour operators often block out more space than they can fill, and by now, that's been released. A hotel that was booked up last month for the Gay Games may now offer a choice of rooms.

What are those hotels? Several Gay Amsterdam guidebooks are available. A new one that I like is Damron Amsterdam, packed with information from a well-respected publisher. Check your local gay bookstore or call Damron: 800-462-6654. You can also get a good information kit from Netherlands Board of Tourism: 888-GOHOLLAND.

Holland is today considered the Gay capital of Europe. Less known is the country's long history as a leader on Gay rights. At a time when so many corporations court us for purely bottom-line reasons, it's refreshing to visit a country with a longstanding commitment to our civil rights. The pioneering C.O.C. began offering support and social opportunities for Amsterdam's Gay community in 1946, and continues to be active. The Dutch government launched an early, active, and explicit MDS prevention campaign. Gay people have served in the armed forces since 1974, and same-sex marriages are recognized in many cities.

It's too late to participate in the Gay Games as an athlete, but for other information go to www.dds.nl/~gaygames

Merger is in the air lately, and not just for the multinational corporations. Two of the leading web sources of Gay travel information have joined forces: Planet Out Travel and Over the Rainbow. Look for them at www.overtherainbow.com: AOL users can just type in the keyword OTR.



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Best of all, this is a region where a gay group is fully welcomed. The province of Quebec issued a poster with the slogan "Visit Gay-Friendly Quebec '98", and I never heard a report of even a single anti-Gay comment from any of the hundreds of guests.

Montreal is an easy 60-90 minute plane ride from major cities in the northeast and Midwest, and just a five hour drive, through scenic countryside, from Boston. You can feel like you've really gotten away to Europe, but in less time, for less money, and little or no jet-lag.

This column makes no effort to substitute for a good Gay guidebook, but three spots are high on my list for a return visit the next time I'm in Montreal: The Drugstore (a bar) for a beer on its breezy outdoor terrace, South Beach Grill for innovative cuisine; and the vast dance club Unity. All are on, or near, the block of rue St. Catherine known on Gay maps as "Le Super Block".

Party animals will want to visit Montreal in the autumn, to catch the big Black & Blue Festival (October 7 to 13), a week-long gala of parties, culture, sports, culminating in a 12,000-body party. Proceeds go to the non-profit BBCM Foundation, to support community and AIDS organizations. (www.bbcm.org; 514-875-7026).

Montreal weather was sunny, everyone was friendly. The weekend's only disappointment came at the airport, where some clueless bureaucrat had decided it would be clever to nickel-and-dime visitors one last time with an "airport improvement fee" upon departure.

"I feel like I'm in a banana republic," huffed the man ahead of me, who paid a tax on top of the tax: Having spent up his Canadian cash, he had to pay with American dollars, which were accepted, but he couldn't get change back. Next year, perhaps the Montreal airport will distribute pistols to its staff, so everyone can shoot

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BY C. LICHTENSTEIN

Solid Saturn squares ditzy Neptune this week tossing our best laid plans directly into the Cuisinart. There is a time for forging ahead, damn the torpedoes, and there is a time to throw ones arms and surrender to the wild and wooly forces. Attempt the latter this week, friends.

ARIES

MARCH 21 - APRIL 20

Pals are readying for a feistily good time, but proud Rams feel the financial pinch. Hang on tight to your hard earned pennies, cousin; this flight of fancy comes with a Concorde fare. Saturn square Neptune can blow your wad and leave you hitching for the next ride. Some of us enjoy a spark in the dark, but will the fireworks still ignite without your match. See ya later, Rambol

TAURUS

APRIL 21 - MAY 21

They don't call you pack horse for nothing, queer Bull. This week, as responsible Saturn squares delusional Neptune, you are sure to bite off more than you can professionally chew. Most of the irksome tasks that you willingly accept now will not help your corporate ascent. In fact, they could weigh you down while the rest of the pack ambles ahead. My advice: Delegate!

GEMINI

MAY 22 - JUNE 21

Planning an escape may not be the escape you planned when wistful Neptune squares problematic Saturn. Daydreams of blissful afternoons by the pool and naked minions feeding you peeled grapes can warm your cockles. But the planetary reality could have you cast as peeler rather than peelee. Pack a tweezer. Hey, whatever turns you on.

CANCER

JUNE 22 - JULY 23

Friends may cast a disapproving eye on your latest flirtation. They see you falling for a nightmare rather than a dream. Chalk it up to the conflagration between stern Saturn and delusional Neptune. Keep in mind that no one is absolutely wrong here; Somewhere between your experiences and their perceptions is the real story.

LEO

JULY 24 - AUGUST 23

Saturn square Neptune can pit partner's wishes against career plans. Don't ignore one to the detriment of the other. Proud Lions don't feel entirely confident unless their public and private lives are fully integrated and in harmony. If you're still on the prowl, you may be drawn to especially needy souls now. Decide just how much you are prepared to give.

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AUGUST 24 - SEPTEMBER 23

Minutia blurs the big picture. Gay Virgins may become so overburdened with diversionary tripe at work that they can't seem to crawl out of the hole. Stern Saturn squares foggy Neptune and piles it high but you have an option; Take a breather and wait until next week when this transit passes. A little procrastination can work wonders!

LIBRA

SEPTEMBER 24 - OCTOBER 23

Queer Libras are tempted to throw their hearts to the wind and see who scrapes it off the sidewalk when Saturn squares Neptune. The toad you kiss could transform into . . . a larger toad so dispense your puckerings with discretion. Erratic Neptune tempts you into the extreme behavior and makes it difficult to ascertain when enough is too much. Enjoy it while you can.

SCORPIO

OCTOBER 24 - NOVEMBER 23

Don't allow minor issues to come between you and your partner. As much as the Gay Scorps may want to find compromise. Saturn square Neptune brings out the worst in a personal situation. Why beat your head against the wall? Smile kindly, say nothing and patiently wait until next week. By then, the landscape could change.

SAGITTARIUS

NOVEMBER 23 - DECEMBER 22

Queer Archers are not know for their diplomacy. This week, when Saturn squares Neptune, all verbal hell can break loose. You possess that rare talent of saying the wrong thing at the wrong time. Now that talent is displayed at work. My advice; keep your thoughts to yourself. As painful as that may be it's more painful to collect unemployment, I think.

CAPRICORN

DECEMBER 23 - JANUARY 20

Fun has a way of costing far more than expected when foggy Neptune squares pernicious Saturn. Where are your priorities this week buddy? Gay Goats are not usually frivolous souls but now you have the wind in your sails and you and your dough are flying high. Avoid a crash landing by checking the bottom line before takeoff.

AQUARIUS

JANUARY 21 - FEBRUARY 19

Problematic Saturn squares dizzy Neptune and whips up a hornet's nest for you at home or with family. A firm hand is needed; are you up to the task Aqueerius? Neptune gives you the appearance of being a wooly-eyed pushover now but it's all smoke and mirrors. Fact is you cannot compromise who you are to appease family. Let this transit pass and tell them so.

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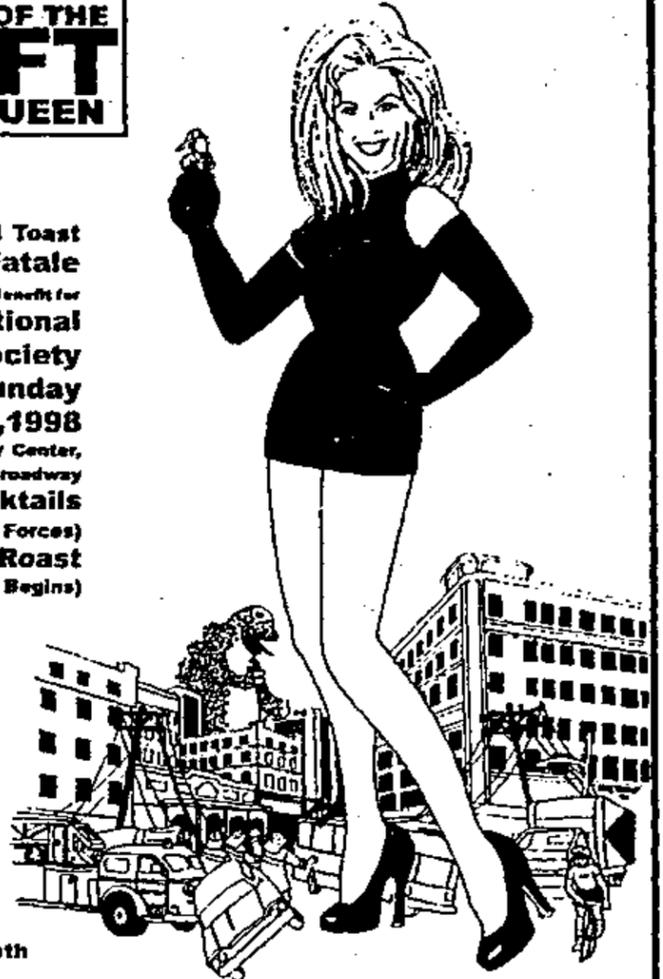
FEBRUARY 20 - MARCH 20

Spiritual pink Fish can use the electricity of Neptune square Saturn to their advantage. Meditate and relax through yoga or stress management techniques. Talking out your troubles however will not have the intended effect since Saturn screws up your diplomatic skills. Contemplate your navel (or someone else) and save your proud pronouncements until next week.

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POLITICS
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BY MARK J. REHR

"Vote Democratic And Be Honored. Vote Republican And Get More Closets"

A recent editorial in the New York Times, dealing with Senate Majority Leader Trent "Less," R-MS, and anti-Gay bias stated: "The party of Lincoln, which freed the slaves so long ago, should not be sowing the seeds of a new hatred on Southern ground." Southern ground? Try the whole country... it's election time!

In the nation's Capitol, "Monica D.C.," the House of Representatives, this week or early next, will be taking up the Treasury/Appropriations Bill for the upcoming fiscal year. Attached to this measure is an amendment from Rep. Joel Hefley, R-CO, which would prohibit funding to implement, administer and enforce President Clinton's recent executive order banning employment discrimination for federal nonmilitary employees based on sexual orientation. Campaign rhetoric perhaps?

"Basic job discrimination," Nancy Buermeyer, Senior Policy Advocate for the Human Rights Campaign commented to this reporter. Buermeyer said, "that this amendment is on the radar-screen of the Christian Coalition and the Family Research Council (FRC). They want this amendment adopted."

Gary Bauer, who heads the FRC and is mentioned as a possible GOP Presidential candidate in 2000, labeled the amendment "an urgent pro-family vote" and urged lawmakers to "oppose funding for special privileges for homosexuals." Special privileges. no. More closets, yes.

Rep. Hefley has vowed to neutralize this order. What's there to neutralize since Clinton admitted he doesn't have the authority to implement his executive order? Oh, good. It gets better. Rep. Tom DeLay, R-TX, the House Majority Whip in one of his many House rambles on the subject, declared that Republicans are "by no means for homosexual rights" and "for any special rights in most cases." With the exceptions of corrupt dictators, big business, the tobacco industry and the radical religious right of course.

Will the Hefley amendment pass? According to Buermeyer it is a toss-up, despite all the signed pledges to not discriminate in hiring based on sexual orientation in their congressional offices — especially the 70 Republicans? She urges all

readers to call their representative in the House, (202) 225-3121, the House Switchboard, ask for their representative and urge them to vote against the Hefley amendment. In Tucson, you can call Rep. Jim Kolbe, R-CD 5, (520) 881-3588 and Rep. Ed Pastor, D-CD 2, (520) 624-9986 and make your voice heard. . . .

Still, on the subject hypocrisy, good hair and politics. During the weekly Republican rambling, Senate Majority Leader Trent "Less," R-MS actually accused Democrats of "trying to snarl legislation in order to cry 'crocodile tears' about do-nothing Congress" Gasp! Yes, Sen. "Less" said the Democrats had slowed down work on several bills. No, wait?!

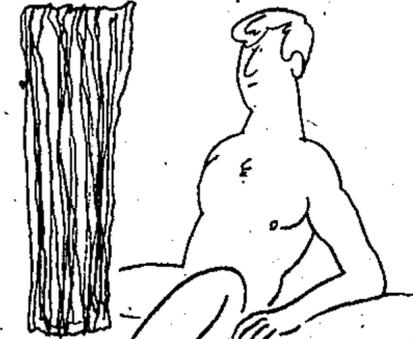
What about the 100 or more judicial appointments awaiting confirmation — which conservative U.S. Supreme Court Chief Justice William Rehnquist actually spoke out demanding the Republicans speed up the appointment process? What of the dozens of people awaiting confirmation for posts in the Clinton administration — like James Hormel for ambassador of Luxembourg to name one? What of the many bills tied up because a few Republicans just don't care for them — like the Employment Non Discrimination Act? What about the fact the Republicans control both Houses of Congress? Puh-lease! . . .

Money for nothing: The Dire Straits song aside, according to recent news accounts, House Minority Leader "Dickie" Gephardt, D-MO and Vice President Al Gore have been jockeying, or is it jerking, for support of the Gay and Lesbian community — Dickie for the congressional campaign this year and both for the Democratic presidential brouhaha in 2000. They've ignored us and now we're in!

Why? Gays and Lesbians shelled out more than \$3.2 million to Clinton's last race. Exit polls during the last national campaign showed that the "creative set" cast 7-to-8 percent of the president's total vote. This year, it is expected that more than \$2 million will be doled out to Congressional Candidates. Also the GOP Queer bashing this year alone doesn't hurt Democratic chances politically, just Gays and Lesbians.

AS I SEE IT BY CLARK

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According to accounts, "Dickie" has been arranging meetings with G/L civil rights advocates, raising moolah for Queer causes and loudly criticizing the Prez when his actions fall short . . . this year. We didn't hear from the Missouri Mule during the Defense of Marriage Act or "Don't Ask, Don't Tell, Just Discharge," measures dealing with HIV/AIDS, "B-1" Bob Dornan's tirades or other issues of concern? For that matter, did we or from Al for that matter either? . . .

Speaking of Dornan, homophobe extraordinaire, guess which battle in the House of Representatives is shaping up to be the costliest — and not just dollars? If you said California's 46th Congressional District, pass Go and give \$200! According to the Center for Responsive Politics, the race between "B-1" and our heroine, Democratic incumbent Rep. Loretta Sanchez has generated \$3,573,694 in contributions with "B-1" raising \$1,807,621, spending \$1,775,778. Rep. Sanchez has raised \$1,766,073 and has spent only \$851,664. You go Loretta! . . .

Still on the subject of hypocrisy, quack hemorrhoid cures and politics. Tele-hatemonger Pat Robertson as it again. Last month, when the city of Orlando, Florida allowed rainbow flags to fly from the light poles for Gay Pride, Robertson sitting uncomfortably (I wonder?) railed about it on his hatecommercial, the 700 Club, saying, "I would warn Orlando that you're right in the way of some serious hurricanes, typhoons and a meteor, and I don't think I'd be waving those flags in God's face if I were you." They're not and they did sweat.

When the wildfires hit Florida for the past month, the very failed former presidential candidate took credit on his hatecommercial. Yippie-skippee! But now, through one of his tax shelters, "Operation Curse, or Blessing" is donating 100,000

pounds of food, clothes and \$25,000 in cash. Bribery won't work here! About his statements proclaiming pestilence and Dukies of Hazzard reruns, Robertson said those comments (albeit taped) were misinterpreted. Isn't lying a big sin Rev? . . .

Arizona Crapaign'98 Low-Notes: The job of the State Treasurer, administrative one to boot, is to manage the state's assets and the resulting commissions for brokers who handle it! Ah, capitalism! Tell that to D.L. Culliver, GOP hopeful and former Maricopa County car schlepper said if he's elected he will promote "family values." Gay bashing is sound economic advice?

In Pima County, home of smooth running elections, one of the posts up this year is Clerk of the Court. The Clerk's job is to handle the voluminous paperwork from the legal lambadas. One of the candidates running is Karen Caddell, a Libertarian. Caddell cites her political experience as: being the former finance chair of the National Federation of Democratic Women and serving on the Democratic National Committee. Huh? Sorta goes over like George Michael running a heterosexual dating service? . . .

Ponder a while but don't file! What "Krameresque" looking Grand Inquisitor from a local, unlucky numbered district, told a high school glass that they had broke, or flouted one of Arizona's campaign finance laws during their last campaign? Trying to be cool, huh? The elected official, facing token opposition this time, bragged that they spent a ton of their own money and notified their opponents, via a letter, making sure it got there the day after the election. Now that is setting a good example for our leaders of tomorrow!

So it goes for now kids!

LETTERS LETTER
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loss of acceptance from those who should have embraced him. The loss of soul when one is forced to fight a disease and endure a harsh and unjust stigma attached to that disease.

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[Janet Smith is a founding member of the TIHAN Board of Directors, and is co-facilitator of the Family to Family support Group for parents of adult children living with HIV. She is an active member of St. Cyril Catholic Church, where she has been very involved in helping educate the parish about HIV/AIDS.]

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For nearly a decade, Atkins has been photographing the women at several San Francisco Lesbian night clubs. "Girls's Night Out", the result of her work. It is a portrait of Lesbians at play - a sexy, whimsical, and joyful portrait of nightlife Lesbians in all their diversity. This gift size book draws in the onlooker in an intimate, yet voyeuristic way.

Chloe Atkins has travelled extensively and uses the beauty in everyday people as inspiration. Her photographic efforts are influenced by classical art, the Renaissance and Michaelangelo.

In recent years she has been documenting life in San Francisco's Lesbian and Gay community. Over the past 10 years, she has shot nearly 20,000 images of Lesbians, mostly in urban nightclubs.

Known for her uplifting and softly erotic imagery, Atkins favors a studio lighting technique that emulates window light. Her work has been published widely in the United States as well as internationally.

Additionally, her work has appeared in magazines such as: MacUser, Parenting, Good Housekeeping, BAM, Girlfriends, Curve, Bay Guardian, San Francisco Focus, San Francisco Examiner Magazine, and in Susie Bright and Jill Posener's book, *Nothing But the Girl*, 1996. In 1992, Chloe was awarded the Northern California Silver ADDY Award for a billboard for GLAAD (Gay Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation) picturing a Lesbian couple, one very pregnant, with the caption "Another Traditional Family"

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¿Qué tal? Descandoles lo mejor de lo mejor sobre todos sus pendientes, y demás actividades a desarrollar... Tal como les comenté, nos fuimos en viaje relampago a Huasabas y Granados Sonora, de verdad que disfrutamos de un paisaje muy fresco y con unas praderas verdes y con bastante comida para los ganados de aquella región y mucha agua; sobre todo el Río Bavispe "cargado a más no poder" como lo mencionan la gente amigable de esos pueblos, les recuerdo que consideren esos lugares en sus proximas vacaciones no se arrepentirán... Y como siempre Octavio Barceló y la Familia Provencio Durazo si que saben sentir al visitante como en "su casa"... ¡Gracias!!!

Estamos listos para la Conferencia Anual de Salud Rural del Estado que se llevará a cabo en Sedona AZ., los días 5, 6 y 7 de Agosto y en esta ocasión se celebrarán los 25 años de esta conferencia

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y el programa a desarrollarse de verdad contempla a algunas altas personalidades que han estado trabajando por el "Cuidado de la Salud Rural en Siglo XXI" como lo dice el lema para esta mencionada conferencia; si necesita información adicional, por favor llamar a Rebecca Romero al (520) 626-7946 y por alla disfrutaremos del fabuloso clima de la ciudad roja de Sedona...

Una pregunta que me han hecho algunas veces; y en esta semana la más reciente; es sobre ¿Qué revelan los garabatos que hacemos mientras hablamos por teléfono, en una reunión de trabajo o al escuchar una clase; etc.? Estos dibujos inconscientes, que los grafólogos se encargan de estudiar, nos sirven muy a menudo como pequeña descarga de los deseos violentos que, de buena gana, volcaríamos en otras direcciones. El dibujo distraído desnuda a quien lo realiza, dejando al descubierto lo que realmente le está pasando por la cabeza en ese momento, aunque sus palabras digan justo lo contrario. En algún momento de nuestra vida todas las personas garabateamos y no hay motivo fijo para hacerlo. El garabato existe en distintas culturas y países. Se comienza a pintarrajear de forma distraída a los 8 o 9 años. Según algunos grafólogos, los adolescentes son más proclives a garabatear, ya que su actividad emocional está disparada. A menudo pintan flores, caras, sus nombres o firmas con letras barrocas, como el graffiti, o adornan el punto de la i con un redondel o con una espiral. Todas son señales del deseo de embellecerse y alegrarse, de enamorarse y ser agradables a los ojos de los demás, y de explicarse a sí mismos de forma positiva. He aquí algunos de los ejemplos que dan los psicólogos; Cubos iguales enlazados unos a otros; Obsesión, flechas para descargar las tensiones cotidianas; Agresividad; Un círculo en el cual aliviar del mundo; Aislamiento; Cerrar o sombrear los espacios de las letras sirve para cubrir los sentimientos de vacío. Casi todos los garabatos de figuras humanas son autorretratos. A menudo expresan cómo se quieren ser y no cómo se es en realidad; Narcisismo. Estos dibujos los hacen los adolescentes con mucha frecuencia, ya que son personas todavía en busca de su propia imagen. En los adultos responden a un carácter individualista; y ya para dejar hasta aquí este tema; los deseos de felicidad se adornan con flores; el sol radiante es símbolo paterno, pero si se dibuja con nubes significa conflictos con la figura del padre.

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

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News from MCC Tucson

'Water For The Soul' Concert At MCC, July 18

TUCSON — Water of Life Metropolitan Community Church (MCC) announces a special "Water for the Soul" concert, Saturday, July 18, 7:00 P.M., featuring Sandi Dods, Shawn Garcia and John Rivard-Briggs.

The concert with the trio from Phoenix will feature uplifting, dynamic and inspirational music focused for the Gay and Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgendered communities.

The church hosts an old-fashioned wiener roast will all the fixings and salads prior to the concert at 6:00 P.M., Saturday. Following the concert there will be a "We All Scream for Ice-cream" social. The musical trio will also be featured in Water of Life MCC's regular Sunday morning 10:45 A.M. Worship Service, July 19.

Sandi Dods is well known in the Tucson area, having previously been featured in concert at Water of Life MCC. Ms. Dods and Mr. Rivard-Briggs have just returned from Nashville where they were taping a new musical release with well-known hymn writer, soloist and evangelist Ms. Marsha Stevens. Mr. Garcia will be on musical tour later this summer and into early autumn through the East Coast. All three are members of Gentle Shepherd MCC in Phoenix.

John Rivard-Briggs was a well known soloist and musician with the Seventh Day Adventist church, both in his native New York, in Albuquerque and in

the Phoenix area. Since coming out as a Gay man, John's ministry has been focused in MCC Albuquerque and MCC in Phoenix, and as a visiting soloist in numerous other congregations.

Coming from the east Texas Baptist tradition, with family influences of Roman Catholic and Assembly of God, Shawn Garcia has been actively involved in church music since his youth. In addition to song writing and full time work as an evangelist, Shawn serves on the staff of Gentle Shepherd MCC in Phoenix as lead musician.

Sandi Dods began singing in her native Oklahoma about the same time she learned to walk! Active in religious music all of her life, it wasn't until her affiliation with Metropolitan Community Church in Phoenix in 1993 that she began using her gift to teach of God's love and acceptance to the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgendered communities.

Food is free. There will be plenty of food, and everyone is invited to come and eat, and then enjoy the nurturing concert, "Water for the Soul." Admission is free. A love offering will be received to support the ongoing ministry work of the musicians. Water of Life MCC is located at 3269 N. Mountain Avenue, just north of Fort Lowell Road.

For more information, call the church office, (520) 292-9151 or e-mail: wateroflifemcc@pridemail.com.

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for education, prevention and early detection of breast cancer, and Trans Antarctic Expedition 2000, presented by Sunniva Sorby.

Other special attractions include:

The Cyberspot — An interactive exhibit presented by Gay Wired that will allow visitors to experience the latest technology for surfing the Internet. Other companies taking part include Qualcomm; Sprint PCS; Lanz.com; Earthlink; Microsoft; Planet Out; The Proud Network; Nevonix; Beyond Imaging and Graphics; and Saturn's EVI electric car.

The Dance Floor — A smooth, 36-by-75 foot tented floor stocked with high-tech lighting and popular DJ's such as Jon Bishop, Tasya Denis and Nicky Award winner Derek. Dancing and music will go non-stop during festival hours.

The Country Village — This combination dance floor and saloon area, presented by The Golden State Gay Rodeo Association of San Diego, will feature live music and line dance lessons.

Queer Youth Space — A specially designated area for Gay youth and their supporters (under 25 years of age) that features art exhibits and non-stop live performances during festival hours. It is hosted by QueerPlayers, a creative writing and performance group known throughout San Diego.

The Senior Connection — A gathering place for seniors that was made possible through partnerships with the Prime Timers; Fellowship of Older Gays; Seniors With A Purpose; and SAGE. The area will be enhanced with displays by the Lesbian and Gay Historical Society.

The Children's Garden — Presented by the Center's Family Services, this interactive area for children offers everything from face painting to puppet and magic shows, plus special guests like the Winnie the Bear, Big Bird and others.

The Beer Garden — Looking out to the San Diego skyline, this area is where Pride-goers can relax over a cold draft beer or margarita. Visitors must be 21 years or older and present ID.

The Lesbian Health Fair — A popular attraction that offers services and workshops regarding crime, health care, nutrition and other issues pertaining to women. The exhibit will be presented by the Lesbian Health Project of The Center and Planned Parenthood-WomanCare.

Realm of the Leather Spectrum — A space designed to present educational outreach and workshops to people who are interested or part of the leather community. Questions and concerns will be answered by representatives of Club X, a San Diego organization that has supported the community for the last 10 years.

Coffee Exchange — In eyeshot of the Queer Youth Space stage, here is where Pride-goers can enjoy their favorite coffee drinks in a comforting and alcohol-free setting. It will be hosted by the Live and Let Live Alano Club.

The Center — In honor of the 25th anniversary of the Lesbian and Gay Men's Center, the staff has compiled an interactive showcase of all the programs San Diego has to offer the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender community.

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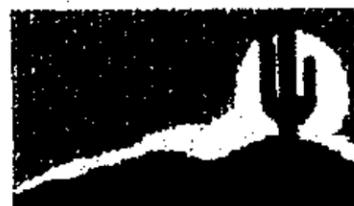
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Feeling Good San Diego and Stepping Stone. The meetings are designed for people in recovery and will be held about every two hours in the festival's workshop tent and inside the Lesbian Health Fair.

The Info Booth — Everything you need to know about the festival can be found here. It will be located just inside the main gate on the upper level of the festival grounds. The booth will be staffed with ASL interpreters for those need assistance.

ATM's — No need to comb Hillcrest for a bank machine. Wells Fargo will have an ATM near the Info Booth and Bank of America will have one near the main stage.

Festival hours are: 2:00 to 10:00 P.M., July 25; and noon to 10:00 P.M., July 26. Tickets are \$10 per day or \$15 for a two-day pass. For additional information, call the Pride office, (619) 297-7683, or visit its website: <http://www.sdpide.org>.

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 an Arizona State flag. The Team has always had people yell at them during their entrances to previous Games with the phrase, "Take off your uniform, I want it." Because this will be the first time the Games will be held in Europe, the Team is expecting a similar reaction from the Gay community with a greater international view.

In 1990, over 90 Arizona athletes participated in the Games in Canada, with 37 medals won. Some examples of medal winners were a volleyball team that won a gold; a tennis player taking two golds and a mixed relay team that won the 4 x 400 meter race. A Team Arizona member also set two world records at the Games of '90.

Team Arizona had 65 team members participating in the Games in New York. Again the group brought great success and memories home to Arizona after the games. Team Arizona won 24

medals, with several medals in swimming and track and field.

The Amsterdam Gay Games theme is "friendship through culture and sports." There is a cultural festival running concurrently during the week of the Games.

Sporting events that Team Arizona will be participating in are: body building, track and field, marathon, 10k run, bowling and marital arts.

Team Arizona will have fewer participants than in previous Games. The cost of the event in Europe has prevented a lot of team members from participating in the Games of '98. But the excitement of the Games has the same intensity for the athletes that will be representing Team Arizona in Amsterdam.

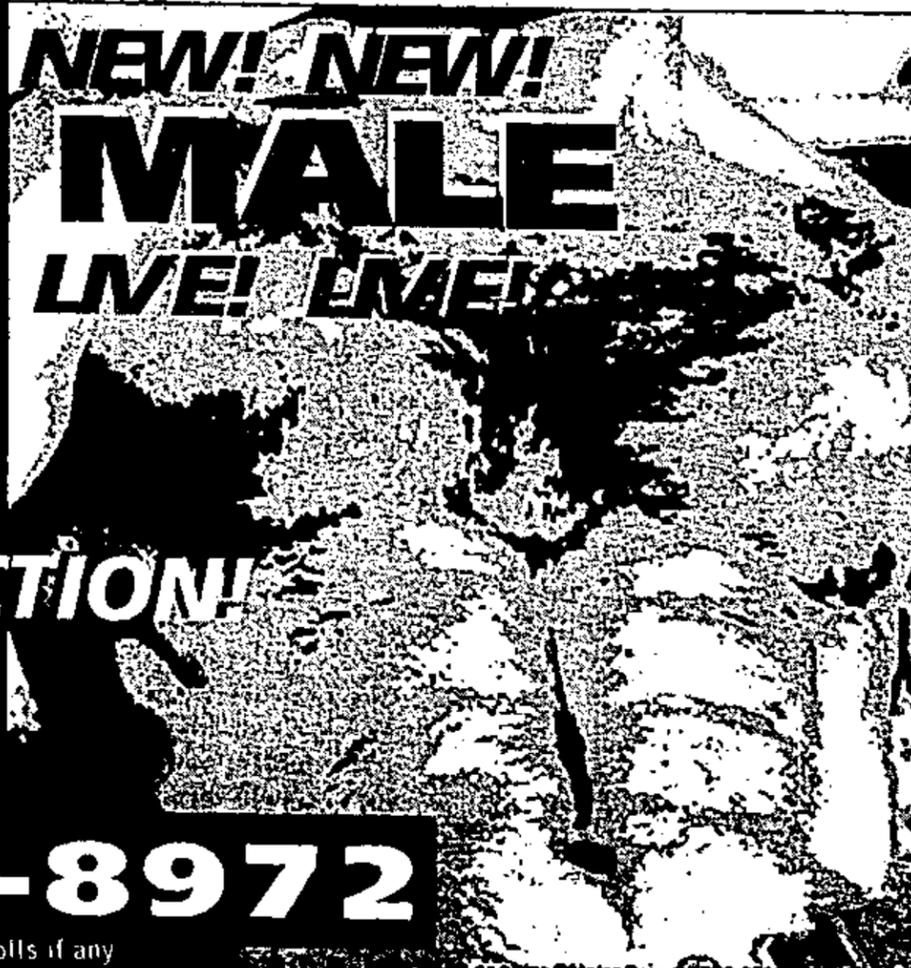
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Considered by some "an innocent variant of the circuit party," The Club Skirts Labor Day In Monterey Women's Weekend attracts Lesbian attendees from all over the country to its weekend of mega-parties, go-go dancers, national recording artists, live bands, celebrities, and a golf tournament to benefit The San Francisco Gay and Lesbian Community Center.

The weekend kicks off with a comedy show featuring local favorite Karen Ripley, New York City funny girl Michele Balan, and headliner Karen Williams from Ohio. A go-go dancer studded dance event follows the comedy show in the Hyatt's East Grand Ballroom.

Saturday day features the golf tournament on the acclaimed old Del Monte Golf Course, a golfers dream course. Event planners also recommend using this day to explore the Monterey Bay area or just sit by the pool and relax with hundreds of other Lesbians.

Saturday Night hosts Marooned!, featuring DJ Page Hodel, state of the art light and sound and a special live performance by dance diva, Tia, singing her top ten hit, "Slip and Slide" and "Cars."

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Lott Leading GOP

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take a stand," a local school board chairman who was running for state superintendent of education proclaimed. He was talking about banning the Indigo Girls from singing at a high school because of complaints that they were Lesbians. He got the Republican nomination.

The new Republican mayor of Myrtle Beach won office by campaigning to stop the opening of the city's first Gay and Lesbian bar. The bar opened anyway. But near Lancaster, S.C., a Lesbian named Regan Wolf was twice beaten unconscious and tied spread-eagled on her porch. "Jesus weren't born for you faggot," a spray painted message said.

American history is replete with examples of the connection between the politics of bias and violence. Republican leaders ought to take stock of what is happening in their party leaders' press conferences and in its new areas of grass-roots primacy. The party of Lincoln, which freed the slaves so long ago, should not be sowing the seeds of a new hatred on Southern ground.

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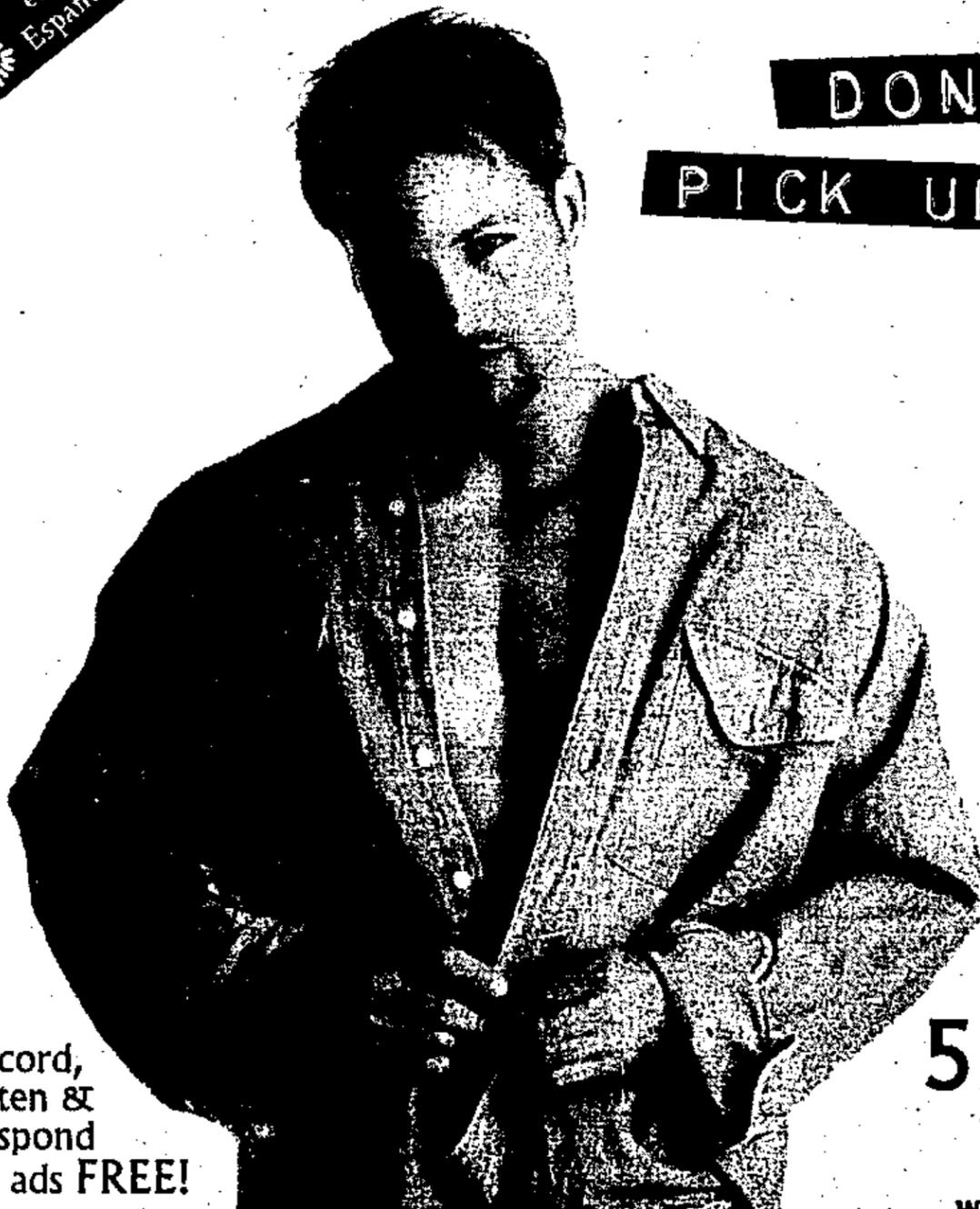
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Southwest Performers presents Anna Syvan, Mezzo-Soprano, of Deutsche Opera, Berlin and Alexander Britan, Tenor, in Recital at St. Pius X Church, 1800 N. Pio Decimo, Tucson at 3:00 p.m. For directions call 325-3077. The music of Bizet, Mascagni, Rossini, J. Strauss, Sondheim, Tchaikovsky, Wagner and Verdi will be presented. Donations gratefully accepted at the door.

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

Men's Massage Group meets at 8:00 p.m.. The group meets for two hours of nurturing touch and massage. It is fun and safe and a good way to meet other men. You must sign up in advance. Fee. Call Marc at 881-4582. For information and to sign up.

MONDAY, JULY 20

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. The Bond films continue with the 4th movie, "Thunderball". Sean Connery stars. For reservations and directions, please call Les at 690-8565.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 22

Cronles Social Club Mid-Month Dinner. 6:30 at Home Town Buffet on Oracle just north of River.

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Join us for a summer rerun as we show "The Full Monty" again. Watch as six men desperately try to become strippers so they can earn some money. For reservations and directions, please call Les at 690-8565.

FRIDAY, JULY 24

1. Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. A night is devoted to getting out the MSN newsletters. It's a fun way to help the organization and get to know the MSN guys. Dessert and door prizes are provided. For reservations and directions, please call Jerry at 690-8565.

2. Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 8:00 p.m. Another summer rerun of a movie we have seen before (but love to see again): "In & Out". Join us for this very funny farce that stars Kevin Kline & Tom Selleck. Try not to dance! For reservations & directions, please call Les at 690-8565.

SATURDAY, JULY 25

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 8:30 a.m. Join the MSN family as we head south to Madera Canyon for a morning of bird watching. Madera Canyon is internationally famous among birders for its variety of species (especially hummingbirds). For more information, directions and details, please call Gene at 625-8109.

SUNDAY, JULY 26

1. Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. There is a hike for this day, but the place and time were not available at press time. For more information, please call Ron at 327-1052.

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

MONDAY, JULY 27

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Bridge night. Bridge for men who July want to refresh their bridge skills; table talk playing. For reservations and directions, please call Jim at 790-8735.

TUESDAY, JULY 28

1. Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 1:00 p.m. Join Sean as he and a docent lead us on a tour of the Tucson Museum of Art. This is limited to 12 participants. For reservations, please call Sean at 791-0921.

2. Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome).

Bar Calendar

Of Upcoming Events

WEDNESDAY, JULY 15

BT'S - Girls Show at 9:00 p.m. hosted by Lucinda Holiday with Bunny Fu FU, Felice Renard, Adrienne Alexander and Faith.

FRIDAY, SATURDAY, SUNDAY, JULY 17-18-19

STONEWALL / EAGLE - HavaNa Get-Away Weekend. Watch for details.

FRIDAY, JULY 17

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - Comedy is back at the Biz. Karen Ripley is back by popular demand. Advance tickets \$5.00. (The day of the show \$7.00). DJ Hill spins after the show.

SUNDAY, JULY 19

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - Tucson's hottest Latin Drag Show! The Biz welcomes Fuerza Latina Show. Starts promptly at 8:00 p.m. \$2.00 Cover. Great Latin music follows with DJ Hill.

Graduate - 9:00 p.m. a benefit show for SAAF by Lanl Productions. Watch for more details.

BT'S 4:30 to 7:00 p.m. the Bar-B-Que and Beer Bust will benefit the Blue Team for Outdoorfest Gay Pride Picnic. Lucinda Holiday for Queen and Kirk-O-Rama for King! Then at 9:00 p.m. there will be a special show for the Blue Team starring Lucinda Holiday, Felice Renard and special guests.

THURSDAY, JULY 23

STONEWALL / EAGLE - Kick-off for mid-summer splash party "Hawaiian Theme" Get a chance to win a getaway trip to San Diego. Food, drink specials, entertainment. Fuerza Latina Travesti Show 10:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, JULY 24

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - Boogie Night at the Biz. '70s and '80s music all night. Special drink prices for those who wear retro clothes. Have fun! No cover.

STONEWALL / EAGLE - Mid-Summer Splash Party "Hawaiian Theme" Continue to get chances to win a get-away trip to San Diego. \$2 Blue Hawaiians, Smirnoff promo \$2 Smirnoff drinks. Manager Mae's Smirnoff Lemonade \$2. Bud and Bud Light \$2 8:00 p.m. to closing. Frozen drinks \$2.

SATURDAY, JULY 25

STONEWALL / EAGLE - Mid-Summer Splash Party "Hawaiian Theme" Continue to get chances to win a get-away trip to San Diego. \$2 Blue Hawaiians, Smirnoff promo \$2 Smirnoff drinks. Manager Mae's Smirnoff Lemonade \$2. Bud and Bud Light \$2 8:00 p.m. to closing. Frozen drinks \$2.

SUNDAY, JULY 26

STONEWALL / EAGLE - Tardeada - benefiting Lisela Danil Ray Hill in his fight against Leukemia. Carna Asada Dinner \$3.00 (rice, beans, potato salad, salsa & tortilla) \$1.00 raffle tickets. All-star cast of female impersonators 4:00 - 8:00 p.m. Continue to get chances for get-away trip to San Diego. Mid-Summer splash Party/Show starring Christina De Alexia at 8:30 p.m. Winner of San Diego trip will be drawn after the show. You need not be present to win.

FRI, SAT, SUN, JULY 31, Aug 1 & 2

BT'S - 6th Anniversary party this weekend. Watch for upcoming events all weekend and come celebrate!

FRIDAY, JULY 31

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - Latin Night (The last Friday of each month is Latin Night). DJ Hill spins the hottest Latin house plus a little top 40 dance. No cover. Lots of fun.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 1

STONEWALL / EAGLE - Purple Team Yard/Bake sale. Call Zipperman for details, 291-3148 (Voice Mail).

7:00 p.m. A fun evening devoted to British comedy series. Three episodes from your favorite series: "Absolutely Fabulous," "Fawlty Towers," and "Keeping Up Appearances." For directions and reservations, please call Loren at 733-0072.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 29

Cronles Social Club Movie Night 7:00 p.m. Call Leo to RSVP. 624-8768. And find out about his video collection from classics to tapes.

FRIDAY, JULY 31

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Join us as we have a Game Night devoted to all sorts of games. Play a favorite card game or board game—the choice is yours. If you have a favorite you'd like to play, bring it along, but there will be plenty of games from which to choose. For reservations and directions, please call Les or Jerry at 690-8565.

Daily Bar Calendar

sunday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - Beer Bust 8-10, \$1.25 pitchers. Latin Music 9-1. Start specials all night.

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

HOURS - Open 9pm. \$2 Bloody Marys & \$1.50 Screwdrivers till 9pm. Country music & dancing with FREE country dance instruction 7pm.

BT'S - Open Noon to 1 am. Happy Hour noon-3pm. \$1.75 domestic beer and \$1.50 Well. Smooth 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.

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Open noon. \$1.75 pitchers 75¢ a glass. 1/4 lb. Burgers with cheese, potato salad & chips \$2 at 2pm-7? Pool Tournament 2pm w/Zipperman. Karaoke Night 9-close hosted by Billy Dee. Stover's opens at 9pm with hot dance music with DJ Rayman.

VENTURE-N - Open 11am. Patio open 3pm. Patio Beer Bust 3-7pm 50¢ draft. 301 Dart Tournament 5pm \$3 entry fee (pot matched) Bert Burgers served 5-7pm. Tuff Stuff Tool Open at 7pm.

monday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - Happy Hour 2-7. Free pool 2-4. Open Jam Session 9-1. \$1 Pitchers all night.

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

HOURS - Closed Mondays.

BT'S - Open noon. Martial Monday all day all call martinis \$2.50. Happy Hour noon-3pm. \$1.75 domestic beer and \$1.50 well. 9pm to midnight, \$1.50 / 32oz pitcher. DJ Michael plays Hip Hop, R&B, House & swing 9pm-1am. All drink specials not available during special events.

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Open 2pm. Party with Rob in the evening. Doc's Dart Tournament 8pm in the Eagle. Free pool all day.

VENTURE-N - Open 6am. \$1.50 Well drinks and Longnecks 6am-noon.

tuesday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Happy Hour 2-7 pm. Free Pool 2-4pm. Pool Tournament 7:30 pot matched. \$1 longnecks for pool players. '70s/'80s dance music 9-1. Drink specials all night.

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

HOURS - Open 3pm. Happy Hour 3-8pm. \$1.50 well or domestic beer. Draft Beer 8-close. \$2 straw/\$4 large pitchers.

BT'S - Open noon. Happy Hour Noon-8 pm. \$1.75 domestic beer & \$1.50 well. 9 pm to close \$1.75 Well. Wear a Tank or T. DJ Michael plays Hip Hop, R&B, House and Swing 9-1.

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Open 2pm. Happy Hour till 8pm. Miller & Miller Lite \$1.75 Coors Gold \$2 8:00 p.m.

VENTURE-N - Open 6am. \$1.50 Well drinks and longnecks 6am-noon.

wednesday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Happy Hour 2-7. Free Pool 2-4. Beer Bust 9-midnight w/1.25 pitchers & 75¢ glasses. Alternative music 9-1.

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

HOURS - Open 3pm. Happy Hour 3-8pm \$1.50 well or domestic beer. Import Night \$2.25 8pm-1am

BT'S - Open Noon to 1 am. 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.

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Open 2pm. Happy Hour till 8pm. Karaoke Night: 9 to close w/Billy Dee in the Eagle. Stover's opens at 9:00 p.m. Dance w/Rayman

VENTURE-N - Open 6am. \$1.50 Well drinks and Longnecks 6am-noon. Coors Gold \$2 and Coors 180¢ \$2.25 Open to close.

thursday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Happy Hour 2-7. 2for1 well or domestic beer. Free pool 2-4. Karaoke 8:30 pm to close. (New time)

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 - Open 3pm. Happy Hour 3-8pm \$1.50 well or domestic beer. 75¢ Schnapps 8pm to close. \$2 Coors shots and country/western dance at 9pm

BT'S - Open noon to 1 am. 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 (pot check available). Hi energy dancing 9-close with DJ David Z. All drink specials not available during special events.

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Open 2pm. Happy Hour till 8pm. Latino Dance Party w/Eduardo at the Stover's which opens at 9pm.

VENTURE-N - Open 6am \$1.50 Well Drinks & Longnecks 6am-noon. Patio Bar open 8pm. Feature Bottles \$1.50 from 9pm-midnight. Day prices for men in leather 7pm to close. Pool Tournament 7pm-10h. \$3 entry (Pot Matched). Tuff Stuff Tool Open at 8:30

friday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Happy Hour 2-7. Free pool 2-4. 5:30 - 7 free food. Top 40 dance music 9-1 w/DJ Hill.

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

HOURS - Open 3pm. Happy Hour 3-8pm \$1.50 well and domestic beer. Country Western Music and Dancing 9pm to 1am.

BT'S - Open noon. Happy Hour Noon-8pm \$1.75 domestic beer and \$1.50 well. Live Jazz on the patio from 4:30 to 7:30. Patio Bar 9-1. Dance Party 9 to 1 with DJ David Z. All drink specials not available during special events.

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Open 2pm. Happy Hour till 8pm. Food Buffet 8pm. If YOU wear a Stonewall/Eagle T-shirt YOU get happy hour prices all night. DJ Rayman 9pm.

VENTURE-N - Open 6am. \$1.50 Well drinks and Longnecks 6am-noon. Snacks served at 5pm. Patio Bar open 8pm. Tuff Stuff Tool Open at 8:30pm.

saturday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Hi energy dance music from 8:30pm to 1am. Drink specials every 1/2 hour.

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 1pm. Small Pitchers \$2 & FREE pool 2-5. Xena on the big screen with pot luck at 6pm. Country Western Music all night.

BT'S - Open Noon to 1 am. 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.

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Open noon. Happy Hour till 8pm. Free Pool all day. Stover's opens at 9pm. Hot sounds with Rayman.

VENTURE-N - Open 6am. Patio Bar open at 3pm. Patio Beer Bust with 50¢ draft 3-7pm. Tuff Stuff Tool Open at 8:30pm. Partnership Cricket Tournament 8:30pm \$3 entry (Pot Matched).

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BEARS OF THE OLD PUEBLO - a social club for bears and bigger, more robust men (and of course, those who prefer their company). For more info, call the Bears Hotline (520)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.

LAMBDA CAR CLUB, A social organization of Gays and Lesbians who share interest, information and fellowship involving collectible vehicles. Call 294-9454.

LESBIAN AND GAY ALANON - Affected by someone's drinking? Meeting every Tuesday 8:45 to 9:45 p.m. at Lambda Center, 2940 E. Thomas, Phoenix. Line 581-8858 or Ronn 968-2364.

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

CROMES SOCIAL GROUP. A Social group for Gay men who enjoy the fellowship of their peers. Call Mario 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 Liz at 325-9486 or Ray at 749-5247.

LIGHTING LIGHTING will provide lighting for AIDS and related benefits at no charge. For more info call Adrienne at 883-7298.

MALE MEN: Long-haired Gay male penpal network. Photo, 3 IRC's to join. Box 231, Station B, Ottawa, CANADA, K1P6C4

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

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 Army Park Senior Center, 229 S. 6th Ave. Call 791-9562.

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

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

MEN'S SOCIAL NETWORK: Social organization for men of all ages. Building an extended Gay family in Tucson. Monthly social potluck gatherings the first Sunday 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 295-9963.

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.

"EVOLVERE" a transgendered Support Group open to all T.V.'s, C.D.'s, T.G.'s & T.S.'s. Dedicated to all our brothers and sisters. Offering our help and support in every way we can. Meetings held on 4th Saturday of each month at 2 p.m. Call 844-6541.

SCUBA DIVING CLUB. For information call digital pager 291-9602.

BISEXUAL INFORMATION/SUPPORT GROUP for women and men. Meetings 1st & 3rd Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. at Wingspan, 300 E. 6th St. 624-1779.

GAY VOLLEYBALL ON SATURDAYS. Competitive play. 88 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 HANTEM 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 327-8415 or Jane Perri 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 on the second Tuesday at Wingspan, 300 E. 6th Street at 7pm. For more information call 622-3200.

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

THAM, a coalition of churches and synagogues committed to providing a compassionate response to the HIV crisis, provides HIV education in congregational settings, volunteer Care Teams to support HIV+ persons, a referral network of HIV-sensitive clergy, and interfaith services of healing and hope. For more information call 299-6647.

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-SEXUAL OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS. Saturdays noon-1pm new location Wingspan, 300 E. 6th St. Contact 325-6676 or 327-4293.

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

CATHOLIC GAY/LESBIAN SUPPORT GROUP meets every 3rd Monday at St. Pius X Catholic Church, 1806 N. Camino Pta Decima in the Kino Room at 7:00 p.m. For more info call Ernie 721-2093 or Anna Marie of the Parish office 885-3573.

NOTICES

SOUTHERN ARIZONA AIDS FOUNDATION (SAAF), 151 S. Tucson Blvd., Suite 211 (The Broadmoor Building). Office Hours 9am 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. 322-8226. AIDS Hotline: 326-AIDS. World wide web: http://www.saaaf.org. VOLUNTEERS WELCOME.

FRONT RUNNERS OF TUCSON meet for fun runs Tuesdays at 8 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 575-8668 or write P.O. Box 38264, Tucson, AZ 85748-8264. 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 380 E. 6th Street from 3 to 5 p.m. You are not alone. For more info call Wingspan, 624-1779.

The TUCSON Chapter of PRIME TIMERS INTERNATIONAL invites Gay or Bisexual men and their admirers to join and share Prime Timers fellowship. We welcome mature men (and admirers) who wish to become involved with planned and future Prime Timers activities. Meetings luncheons and dinners are held monthly. For dates, times and information call 584-0280, leave name and phone number.

TUCSON GAY INFORMATION AND REFERRAL

For information on human service organizations, health and mental health services, financial and government assistance, emergency services such as food and shelter, education, etc. Call information and Referral 881-1794 - 8 am - 5 pm Mon. - Fri.

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

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

WINGSPAN - Tucson's Gay, Lesbian & Bisexual Community Center, 300 E. 6th St., offers support groups / info line / social events / library / meeting space. Volunteer Opportunities. Board meetings every 2nd 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 43. Call the church at Davey at 884-1208 or Brian at 842-4726 for information.

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.

RECREATIONAL VOLLEYBALL every Saturday 3 to 5 pm at St. Francis in The Foothills for anyone who likes to play and have a blast call Davey 886-1208 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, Centara, AZ 85652.

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 St. 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 Emma 322-6057 (evellan@ix.netcom.com)

AZbytes is a new email list for Lesbians living in Arizona. For information mail tyra@earthlink.net and request guidelines.

OUTLOUD! Tucson's premiere Local Lesbian and Gay Radio Show, broadcast each 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month at 9:30pm on 91.3 FM, Community Radio KXCJ. This show alternates with "This Way Out", a nationally syndicated Lesbian and Gay radio show.

THEATER/DINNER/ETC! Non-Smoking Lesbian Network meets every 3rd Saturday night of each month. If you'd like to meet women 35+ (flexible) and socialize in a smoke-free environment 883-3785 before 10:00 p.m. The group dines out and attends shows or movies. Now in their 15th year! (1st in Tucson).

TRANSGENDER ISSUES: Southern Arizona Gender Alliance (SAGA) meets on first Mondays for informal discussion of transgender topics. Hosted by Desert Boyz. For information call Cory at 628-8659 or send email to: moonhydra@earthlink.net.

EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT GROUP FOR ALTERNATIVE LIFESTYLES. Not a dating club. Discreet. Meetings every Monday evening. Call for more info. APEX (Arizona Power Exchange) 842-415-1123. 24-hr multi-choice message including information, calendar and location.

ARIZONA AIDS POLICY ALLIANCE (AZAPA) seeks to educate legislators and citizens about sound AIDS policy. For more information write AZAPA, 6823 N. 14th St., #112, Phoenix, AZ 85014 or call 692-278-4815.

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